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The Oakville Hospital Volunteer Associations receives grant to enhance hospital SMILE Program

OAKVILLE - The Oakville Hospital Volunteer Association (OHVA) applied for and received a $1,000.00 financial contribution from the Community Fund (a fund held within the Oakville Community Foundation) towards the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital's SMILE Program.

"The OHVA is always proud to support the hospital by giving our gift of time and through the many fundraising initiatives we're involved in. Creating wonderful patient and family experiences is our goal and we are so very thankful to have this additional support from The Foundation to help us continue on this path. They are great partners to work with!" said Patte Seaton, President of OHVA.

The SMILE program is dedicated to enhancing the recovery of older adult patients who are at risk of developing delirium and functional decline. SMILE is an acronym which stands for: S - Stimulate the brain; M - Move the body; I - Improve hydration, L - Limit caffeine and sleep enhancing medication; and E - Enjoy better hearing and vision.

"As Co-Chair of the Safer Elder Care Committee at Halton Healthcare, I am delighted to have received this Community Fund grant through the OHVA that will benefit the continued development of innovative interventions to enhance the success of the SMILE Program", said Kim Kohlberger, Director of Rehabilitation and Geriatrics and Co-Chair of the Safer Elder Care Committee.

This patient-focused program was launched in September 2014 and consists of specially trained volunteers who work with patients during the day and evening. The goal of the day program is to involve patients in social and cognitive therapeutic activities such as playing all kinds of games, or reading the newspaper. The evening program which launched in April 2015 focuses on enhancing a good night's sleep by offering patients a cup of decaffeinated tea, snack, eye mask and warm non-slip socks. The

program's ultimate goal is to improve patient care outcomes and continues to receive positive feedback from patients, their families, the program volunteers and staff.

The grant is being used to further enhance the SMILE Program, enabling the purchase of a new tea cart and keeping the activity box well stocked. The OHVA gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Community Fund at the Oakville Community Foundation, a registered charitable public foundation serving the Oakville Community. To find out more information, please visit:

www.haltonhealthcare.com

About the Oakville Community Foundation:

 The Oakville Community Foundation was founded in 1994 and is a conduit between the passions of philanthropic families and the needs of the community. The Foundation supports individuals, families and corporations who come from all walks of life, economic backgrounds and charitable interests that have one thing in common – a desire to make a difference today and leave a legacy tomorrow for Oakville. The Foundation receives and pools charitable gifts for endowments that benefit and strengthen the community at large by supporting all charitable sectors. More information about the Oakville Community Foundation can be found at www.theocf.org.

About the Oakville Hospital Volunteer Association (OHVA):

The OHVA's mission is to support Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) by providing quality care, and fundraising for new hospital equipment. The OHVA has a membership of over 800 volunteers who contribute greatly to Halton Healthcare, working in the gift shop, in and our patient units, providing patient transport, directing visitors, and much more. OTMH volunteers assist in over 70 programs on a daily basis. If you are interested in more information, please visit www.haltonhealthcare.com/ohva

Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 325,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills Milton, and Oakville. With an outstanding reputation as a workplace of choice and a good community partner, Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best

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