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Halton Healthcare Receives Provincial Quality Workplace Award

(Oakville, ON) January 18, 2016 – Halton Healthcare has been awarded a GOLD Quality Healthcare Workplace Award by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Halton Healthcare was one of 46 healthcare organizations that applied for the award and one of 19 recognized for achieving GOLD status in late 2015.

The award recognizes the organization's on-going commitment to improving its workplace in ways that contribute to the quality of work-life, care and services delivered.

Quotes:

The award is a testament to our employees, professional staff and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our patients, our community and each another. It's what makes Halton Healthcare a great place to work, a great place to volunteer and a great place to receive healthcare, and is the reason we have attained this GOLD recognition.

Denise Hardenne President & CEO Halton Healthcare The following is an excerpt from the adjudication panel:

"The strength of this application is how the hospital has used the transformational change associated with its move to the new Oakville Hospital as a unique and powerful perspective on all components of a quality healthcare workplace. Your focus on maintaining staff well-being during the move by directly engaging staff in the changes, and providing supporting resources is outstanding."

Quick facts:

- The 2015 Quality Healthcare Workplace Awards (QHWA) program was launched on March 2, 2015 and marked the sixth year the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) have recognized the workplace achievements of Ontario health care organizations.
- This awards program allows for organizations to self-evaluate, learn, and improve efforts in ways that contribute to the providers' quality of work life, care and services they deliver.

About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a regional 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. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, please visit <u>www.haltonhealthcare.com</u> Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare

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