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Halton Healthcare officially relocates its Sky of Stars Baby Wall to new OTMH

(Oakville, ON) February 16, 2016 – Halton Healthcare in partnership with the Oakville Hospital Foundation (OHF) celebrated the official installation of its *Sky of Stars Baby Wall Program* from the hospital at 327 Reynolds Street to the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH). The *Sky of Stars Baby Wall* is a whimsical scene of a starlit night sky that was originally created at the old hospital to provide parents and families a way to commemorate the birth of their child or loved one.

For a minimum donation of $150, individuals can purchase a star for this wall, engraved with their baby's name and birth date to light up this magical sky. In addition to creating a very special legacy for their child, it is a great opportunity for families to give back by supporting the Maternal Child Program. Since the launch of this fundraising program on March 19, 2004, this enchanted sky has accumulated 300 gold stars, each one named in honour of a baby born at the old OTMH. The proceeds from the Sky of Stars Program support the purchase of the equipment and educational materials required in our program to provide high quality family-centered care for mothers, infants, and children within our community.

Babies who were born at old OTMH are designated with gold stars on the new baby wall while those born at the new hospital receive silver stars.

On February 16, 2016 Halton Healthcare installed the stars for the first and last baby born at the hospital at 327 Reynolds Street and the star for the first baby borm at the new hospital. These special guests included

- Brian Carter, the first baby born at the legacy OTMH in 1950.
- Elise Cabanez, the last baby born on at 7:51 am on December 13, 2015 at the Legacy OTMH site. Elise is the daughter of Roslen Batistil (mother) and Lamberto Cabanez (father) .
- Batoul Khalil, the first baby born at the new OTMH at 9:28 on December 13, 2015. Batoul is the daughter of Nermeen Mostafa (mother) and Tarek Khalil (father).

The Maternal Child Program has had the privilege of providing care for over 2,200 new mothers, infants and their families, and for 900 paediatric patients and families each year.

If you are interested in participating in the Sky of Stars Program, simply contact the Oakville Hospital Foundation at 905-338-4642 or log on to www.oakvillehospitalfoundation.com

Quotes

"Today we are honouring our history and continuing our legacy as we celebrate the installation of the Sky of Walls Program here at our new hospital. While all births are miraculous, we have had some key births that we have the distinct opportunity of celebrating, each one representing a key milestone in the history of OTMH. We are honoured that these very special guests and their families could join us here for this celebration."

Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare.

"The Maternal Child Program has had the privilege of providing care for over 2,200 new mothers, infants and their families, and for 900 paediatric patients and families each year. It is essential that we have access to the required equipment needed for both every day care as well as emergency care. The Sky of Stars Program provides funding to purchase this equipment."

Cindy MacDonald, Maternal Child Program Director, Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital

"The opening of this amazing state-of- the-art healthcare facility has renewed community interest in our Baby Wall Program. Parents who have had children at our old hospital even before the Sky of Stars Program began in 2004 are now buying stars to celebrate key milestones in their child's life such as birthdays or graduations."

Tina Triano, Oakville Hospital Foundation CEO

About The Oakville Hospital Foundation

The Oakville Hospital Foundation is partnering with the community to fund essential medical equipment for Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital to enable high quality patient care. Moving forward, community support of Oakville Hospital Foundation will help fund the ever growing and changing healthcare needs of a much larger and more advanced Hospital. Through philanthropy, OTMH can continue to invest in technology that diagnoses illnesses earlier, reduces recovery times, and improves the patient experience.

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, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com. Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare.

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