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# Halton Healthcare seeking volunteers for all three community hospitals

(Halton Hills / Milton / Oakville, ON) – Halton Healthcare is seeking new and enthusiastic volunteers to join the ranks at each of its three community hospitals: Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

Are you are looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community in 2017? Do you have an interest in helping others? Apply to be a <u>Halton Healthcare volunteer</u>. Our hospitals have a wide variety of volunteer roles available, including working directly with patients or visitors and crucial behind the scenes support.

"Volunteers enhance the care of our patients, families and visitors, and are integral members of our healthcare teams," said Sharon Norris, Vice President, Human Resources Planning and Organizational Development. "We are grateful to this extraordinary group of people for their ongoing kindness and generosity."

Volunteers help to create a truly patient and family-centered care environment and experience. While specific roles may vary among hospitals, volunteers play a vital part in the following key areas:

- directing visitors;
- assisting at the bedside;
- preparing materials behind the scenes;
- running the gift shops; and
- providing additional support to many other programs and initiatives.

"When I finish volunteering at the end of my shift, I just hope I helped somebody out that day," said Frances Rustom, a 14-year volunteer with Halton Healthcare. "The volunteers have a lot of fun and laughs together and we get to meet so many new people. It's a great way to give back to your community," she added.

## **Application Periods: New Volunteer Recruitment Process**

Members of the public aged 14 and up are invited to apply for volunteer opportunities <u>here</u> through Volunteer Services.

#### **Georgetown Hospital**

Applications accepted until February 12, 2017

## Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital

Applications accepted January 3 until February 12, 2017

### **Milton District Hospital**

Applications accepted until Fall 2017 (upon completion of the hospital expansion)

Community members can stay tuned for further application periods in 2017.

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