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MDH purchases new birthing bed with Milton Community Fund donation

Milton, ON – Thanks to the Milton Community Fund, \$22,615 has been granted to Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) to purchase a new birthing bed for the Milton District Hospital (MDH) Obstetrics Service to provide a safer and more comfortable stay for expectant mothers.

“Our goal is to give expectant mothers the best care and support during their stay at MDH and a safe birthing bed is a big part of that,” said Melanie Moynihan, Patient Care Manager. “This new bed safely changes through a variety of positions with ease because of the one button touch feature making a mothers’ birthing experience a more comfortable one.”

The purchase of the birthing bed is part of MDHs’ ongoing efforts to update clinical equipment, including beds, with the latest technology at the hospital. The program has already seen three birthing beds replaced since 2008, improving the quality of service and safety these beds provide to patients at MDH.

The beds are available on a 24/7 basis in the unit and each one is expected to be used for approximately 300+ deliveries each year. The Obstetrical Services at MDH has seen a 76% increase in the number of births since the 2004/05 years.

“The purchase of a new birthing bed for MDH’s busy and growing Obstetrical service offers many safety and convenience advantages for women delivering their new babies,” said Vice-President of Support Services and Chief Operating Officer at MDH, Allan Halls. “With almost 1,000 deliveries annually at MDH , Milton families will benefit from these modern birthing beds thanks to the generous support of the Milton Community Fund.”

Government funding does not provide funding for hospital equipment and it is through community support, like the Milton Community Fund and the MDH Foundation that enables HHS to purchase much needed patient care equipment for the hospital. The Milton Community Fund was established in 2001 to distribute a portion of the funds that the Town received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Mohawk location).

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Left to Right: Melanie Moynihan, Patient Care Manager and Staff Nurse Tracy McQuigge with new birthing bed to be used in the Obstetrics Service at Milton District Hospital. The bed was purchased thanks to a contribution from the Milton Community Fund.