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Groundbreaking Celebration Marks Start of Construction at Georgetown Hospital

Tuesday, May 29, 2012 was a day of celebration for the Halton Hills community as Halton Healthcares Services (HHS) and the Georgetown Hospital Foundation (GHF) marked the start of construction on the Emergency Department expansion at Georgetown Hospital (GH).

“I am thrilled to be here today to celebrate the start of construction on this much needed expansion and renovation project,” said John Oliver, HHS President & CEO. “The project will provide new, modern clinical space and allow for the installation of GH’s first CT scanner – ensuring residents of Halton Hills have access to this essential service, close to home.”

In August 2011, HHS received approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to proceed with an expansion and renovation to the Emergency and Diagnostic Imaging Departments at Georgetown Hospital. Over the past several months, HHS has been working diligently to finalize plans for the project.

“We are very excited to see the huge improvements being made at Georgetown Hospital,” noted Mayor Rick Bonnette. “The expanded emergency, improved diagnostic imagery and the essential CT scanner will greatly improve healthcare for our citizens in Halton Hills.”

“Thank you to everyone involved in making this project a reality – all the staff and physicians and the contributions of Hospital donors, the Volunteer Association, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Town of Halton Hills, under the leadership of Mayor Rick Bonnette,” concluded Mr. Oliver. “We would not be breaking ground today without the incredible support we have received.”

Contractors will start with alterations to the Hospital’s internal roadways and parking lots required to redirect traffic during construction and regain parking spaces that will be lost due to the expansion. Once this site preparation is completed, work on the new Emergency Department will begin.

Construction of the Emergency Department addition will be followed by the installation and commissioning of the new CT scanner. Renovations inside the building, required to expand the Hospital’s Diagnostic Imaging Department, will begin following relocation of the Emergency Department to its new space.

The start of construction was not the only event being celebrated. This important milestone also marked the launch of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation’s capital campaign, *‘Investing in Care Close to Home’*.

“The Campaign for Georgetown Hospital is by far the most ambitious fundraising effort ever seen at the Hospital,” stated K.C. Carruthers, GHF Executive Director. “Our goal is \$6.5 million which makes *Investing in Care – Close to Home*, the largest single source of funds for the expansion project. We have had incredibly generous support already, with \$4.5 million committed to the project, but \$2 million is still quite a ways to go.”

“The Hospital is here for everyone whenever they need us. In turn, we hope that everyone will lend a hand to help us provide them and their loved ones with the best care possible,” remarked Shelley Phipps, a member of the Campaign Cabinet and GHF Board of Directors. “Whether a donation is the \$1 million given by Fred Helson or the \$120 that Gavin Conroy donated from his 10th birthday – it all adds up and it all makes a difference. We hope everyone will consider a generous donation to this important project at the heart of the Halton Hills community.”

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