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**PROVINCE AWARDS HALTON HEALTHCARE SERVICES WITH GOLD**

**Oakville, ON** - Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has been awarded a *GOLD Quality Healthcare Workplace Award* by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – *HealthForce Ontario*. This year, HHS was one of 57 hospitals that applied for the award and one of 22 who achieved GOLD status. The Hospital was presented with the award at the Ontario Hospital Association’s annual *HealthAchieve* Conference held in Toronto on November 5th.

“We are honoured and thrilled to be recognized by the OHA,” said John Oliver, HHS President & CEO. “Our staff, physicians and volunteers provide exemplary care to our patients and visitors. They are able to this because we have created a nurturing atmosphere at HHS, one that values communication, caring, competency (quality), respect and teamwork.”

This award recognized HHS’ efforts to improve the workplace in ways that contribute to quality of work-life and the quality of the care and services they deliver. The 2013 award submission highlighted many of the initiatives that have been implemented and/or sustained over time at HHS, such as the implementation of the medication management system, the Kailo wellness program for staff which includes on-site gyms with fitness classes, awards of excellence that recognize long-term service and outstanding achievement, as well as ensuring planning for HHS’ redevelopment projects continue to foster a healthy work environment in new designed spaces.

“This award is a testament to our employees, physicians and volunteers - they make HHS a great place to work, to volunteer, and overall a great place to receive quality healthcare,” concluded Mr. Oliver.

Halton Healthcare Services is comprised of Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, and was recently Accredited with Exemplary Standing, which is the highest status Accreditation Canada can award. For more information, please log on to [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com).

To learn more about the OHA’s Quality Healthcare Workplace Awards, please log on to [www.oha.com](http://www.oha.com).

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