



**Our Home, Our Hospital**



## Media Release

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### **RBC to donate \$425,000 to Hospital Expansion**

MILTON - RBC Royal Bank today announced its support of the Milton District Hospital (MDH) Expansion Project with a donation of \$425,000 to the MDH Foundation's ***Our Home, Our Hospital Capital Campaign***.

"RBC Foundation is proud to support the expansion of the Maternal Newborn Unit at Milton District Hospital," said Jamie Clinch, RBC Regional Vice President for Guelph North Halton. "Our employees, clients and community partners are passionate about supporting the efforts of the Hospital, and we are pleased that our donation will increase capacity to provide the highest quality of clinical patient-centered care for new mothers and their families in a growing community."

Over the past 2 years RBC has contributed more than \$700,000 to a number of charitable organizations within the Milton community. As long time supporters of the Milton District Hospital, the donation announced today will help the youngest residents of the community they support.

“We are delighted that RBC has announced their commitment to Milton District Hospital with such a generous donation to the Foundation’s Capital Campaign to support the expansion. This much anticipated and sought after expansion will greatly improve our ability to provide quality healthcare services to the residents of Milton closer to home and would not be possible without the generous support of organizations such as RBC, RBC Foundation and our own MDH Foundation,” said Denise Hardenne, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services. “It’s donations like these that will help provide high quality healthcare for mothers and their newborns.”

Serving one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, the Maternal Newborn Unit at MDH is central to the health of the Milton community. The Unit will increase in capacity from 8 to 14 post-partum beds and associated birthing facilities, and has the capacity for future expansion to 17 beds. A new Special Care Nursery will allow Milton District Hospital to care for premature babies from 34 weeks on as well as full term babies who require “special care”. The expanded Maternal Newborn Unit will include a dedicated surgical suite for mothers who require caesarean procedures.

The new facilities will be designed and constructed to current and anticipated building standards. Eighty per cent of inpatient rooms in the new space will be designated for single patient use. This will mean more privacy for patients, enhanced infection prevention and control and opportunities for one person to stay overnight with their loved one. The expansion will provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere supported by cutting-edge technology and construction innovations and will achieve LEED® Silver certification standards for environment sustainability.

The ***Our Home, Our Hospital Capital Campaign*** is the most ambitious campaign the Milton District Hospital Foundation has undertaken. Financing for the expansion will be shared between the provincial government, Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) and the community. Contributions from the MDH Foundation and the community are a vital component of the Hospital’s Local Share Plan.

Local Share Funds provided by the MDH Foundation, the Town of Milton and HHS will be used for specific local share costs, which includes 100% of equipment costs. Contributions from businesses, such as RBC, and the efforts of the Milton District Hospital Foundation are vital to the success of the project.

“We here at MDH Foundation are incredibly grateful to receive this gift from RBC. This support from local corporations is vital to the success of our Campaign, and will help ensure that Milton District Hospital will have up-to-date facilities sized to support the healthcare needs of Canada’s fastest growing community,” said Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of the Milton District Hospital Foundation.

Construction of the expansion is expected to begin in the spring of 2015.

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*RBC supports a broad range of community initiatives through donations, sponsorships and employee volunteer activities. In 2013, we contributed more than \$104 million to causes worldwide, including donations and community investments of more than \$69 million and \$35 million in sponsorships. **Learn more at [www.rbc.com/community-sustainability](http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability)***

*A registered charity founded in 1980, Milton District Hospital Foundation (MDHF) works to raise funds for the Milton District Hospital (MDH), site of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS). The mission of the Milton District Hospital Foundation is to provide charitable gift resources for the continuous improvement of facilities and services of the Milton District Hospital and this is made possible by the financial support of our donors. **For further information visit: [www.mdhf.ca](http://www.mdhf.ca)***

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