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**Milton District Hospital Auxiliary raises $436,000 toward MDH Expansion**

*(Milton, ON) October 17, 2017* - The Milton District Hospital Auxiliary (MDHA) presented Halton Healthcare with a cheque for $130,000 at their 2017 Annual General Meeting. This donation completes the Auxiliary’s five year pledge, made in 2013, to donate all their fundraising dollars to the MDH Expansion. This year’s donation brings their pledge’s cumulative total to $436,000.

“Halton Healthcare is fortunate to have three very strong, vibrant volunteer groups who are an integral part of each of the hospitals they support,” said Denise Hardenne, Halton Healthcare President and CEO. “Their long history of giving and caring has made a tremendous difference in the quality of care our hospitals are able to provide.”

“We thank the Auxiliary for their unwavering support of the MDH Expansion,” said Ms Hardenne. “Their incredible contribution of $436,000 toward the project helped us realize our dream on October 1, 2017 as we opened the MDH Expansion.”

The Annual General Meeting also celebrated the accomplishments, commitment and support of the MDHA’s volunteers over the past year, as well as honoured some individual volunteers for their continued service.

**About the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary:**

The Milton District Hospital Auxiliary raised funds through many annual events such as the Strawberry Fair, Christmas Gift Wrapping, Rummage Sale, Christmas Luncheon, as well as the Gift Shop, lobby vendor sale and the HELPP Lottery. The Auxiliary offers many rewarding and fulfilling volunteer experiences to adults and youth. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, visit [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com).
About Halton Healthcare:
Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together, these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 350,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare and Facebook.

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(L to R) – Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare; Brian Penman, Chair, Milton District Hospital Foundation, Betty Nisbet, MDHA Treasurer; Bonna Richmond, MDHA President; Lorenzo Biondi, Halton Healthcare Board Chair