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Total Joint Replacement Surgery Comes to Milton District Hospital

Milton District Hospital (MDH) is proud to offer a new level of patient care. As of September, patients will be able to receive knee replacement surgery right here in Milton. Dr. Jeffrey Hartman, an orthopaedic surgeon with a background in trauma care, will be leading this new program.

Since joining MDH three years ago, Dr. Hartman has drawn on his experience in Hamilton and Ottawa to bring total joint replacement surgery to Milton.

Dr. Hartman explains the impact of this new service: "Offering knee replacement surgeries in Milton will significantly improve our patients' experience. They'll benefit from the convenience of having surgery and follow-up care close to home, reducing travel stress and allowing for a smoother, more comfortable recovery process."

This service marks a significant milestone for our hospital and community, allowing Milton residents to receive this essential procedure closer to home. While the focus is currently on knee replacements, Dr. Hartman is already looking ahead. "Our goal is to expand our services to include hip replacements in the near future," he shares, highlighting the hospital's commitment to continually enhancing patient care. Referrals for total joint replacement surgery can be made through your primary care provider.

Katie McMillan, Executive Director of the Milton District Hospital Foundation, shares: "As our hospital grows to meet the ever-changing needs of our community, we are truly grateful for the kindness and support of our donors. Their generosity is vital in helping us secure the equipment and technology that allow us to give every patient the very best care. We couldn't do this without them."

Dr. Jeffrey Hartman, orthopaedic surgeon, leads the new total joint replacement surgery program at Milton District Hospital, bringing advanced knee replacement procedures closer to home for local residents.

Message from Katie McMillan, Executive Director of MDHF

Every day at Milton District Hospital, I'm reminded of the incredible community that makes our work possible.

The impact of your generosity is evident throughout the hospital. Last year, 1,568 babies were born here at MDH, and four new paediatric beds were opened, highlighting the exceptional care provided to new families in our Maternal Child Department.

In the area of Diagnostic Imaging, donor-funded technology made it possible to capture 94,784 images, helping our medical teams deliver accurate and timely treatment. Meanwhile, in the Emergency Department, 57,837 patients received critical care during their moments of greatest need.

It's clear that this hospital is more than just a place of healing—it's a community effort fueled by compassion and support. From the advanced tools in our hospital, powered by philanthropy, to the warm smiles of our incredible volunteers, everything we do is made possible by the dedication of our community. Thank you for standing with us and making it all happen. Your support truly makes a difference.

Message from the Board Chair, Brian Penman

As autumn arrives, it's a time to reflect on the growth of both our community and Milton District Hospital. Having seen Milton evolve over the years, I know firsthand how important your support is in helping our hospital meet the needs of everyone who depends on us.

Milton District Hospital cares for us through every stage of life, and each donor plays a vital role in ensuring we can continue providing exceptional care. Your generosity helps fund advanced equipment and resources, allowing our physicians and staff to meet the community's changing needs.

I'm also proud to welcome two new board members, Jennifer Goody-Brown and Deep Toor, who will be joining us in continuing this important work.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to build a healthier future for everyone in our community.

Our Donors, Our Gratitude: THANK YOU!

1,568	BABIES BORN
57,837	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS
5,312	AMBULANCE ARRIVALS
654,060	LAB TESTS COMPLETED
94,784	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGES TAKEN
9,168	SURGERIES PERFORMED

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

La Rose 40th Anniversary Gala Sparkles

The La Rose 40th Anniversary Gala at the Pearle Hotel & Spa was a celebration of community and generosity. The Lizzi family raised a record $121,604.66 for Milton District Hospital Foundation (MDHF), marking the highest single-event donation by a community partner. La Rose's contributions to MDHF have now surpassed $400,000, supporting the hospital's priority equipment needs.

The evening featured La Rose's signature touch, with a carefully curated menu, wines, and La Rose's famous pastries. Their ongoing support, including in-store fundraisers and event sponsorships, continues to make a lasting impact on ensuring that our hospital is well equipped to meet the needs of Milton's growing community.

Ladies Giving Circle: A Year of Impact

On a warm June afternoon, the Ladies Giving Circle gathered in support of Milton District Hospital Foundation, enjoying drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and great company. The contributions made by these dedicated women have been used to purchase urgently needed medical equipment and technology, including Tomographic software for breast cancer screening. This addition enhances the accuracy and efficiency of screenings, improving health outcomes for many women.

To join this remarkable group or learn more, contact Andrea Cayer at 905-878-2383, ext. 7172.

Milton Muslim Hub Steps Forward to Support Milton District Hospital Foundation

On a brisk Family Day weekend, the Milton Muslim Hub warmed our hearts with their generosity. Their Family Day Walkathon raised $25,070, funding essential medical equipment for Milton District Hospital. Organized by ICNA-Milton, the event showcased the power of community, setting an example of philanthropy and directly benefiting patient care and advanced medical technology at the hospital.

A Patient's Gratitude: Farhana's Story

During the first wave of COVID-19, Farhana Noman had an experience at Milton District Hospital that left a lasting impression.

With the hospital operating under tight restrictions and only one entrance open, Farhana was admitted with chronic abdominal pain. She arrived by ambulance and was taken to the Emergency Department.

In a wheelchair and unfamiliar with her surroundings, Farhana was guided through procedures by attentive staff. She quickly received a COVID-19 test and an ultrasound. Despite her initial apprehension about being in the hospital during the pandemic, the staff's professionalism and care helped put her at ease.

The technicians performed her ultrasound and X-ray while she received IV pain control. Once her COVID-19 test came back negative, Farhana was moved to another ward. The IV medication allowed her to rest, and she fell asleep, relieved of the pain.

A few hours later, the physician explained that she needed gallbladder removal surgery. Although the medical terminology was new to her, the doctor's clear explanations and updates to her family (who couldn't visit due to COVID-19 restrictions) were reassuring.

Farhana remains grateful to the physicians and staff who cared for her during her five-day hospital stay. Moved by their expertise and compassion, she felt a strong desire to give back to Milton District Hospital Foundation. This experience led her to make the important decision to join the *Evergreen Monthly Giving Supporters*, ensuring her continued support for the hospital that made such a difference in her life.

Your Will, Your Legacy: How You Can Shape the Future of Milton District Hospital

Is updating your will on your to-do list? While November, designated as Make a Will Month, may seem far off, now is the perfect time to reflect and take action. This month is about more than just legal documents; it's about capturing your legacy—one that encompasses every meaningful aspect of your life, including your family, friends, and the charities close to your heart.

Why do so many of our friends choose to include MDHF in their wills? Their answer is simple: "You saved my life." This profound gratitude stems from our commitment to compassionate care and cutting-edge equipment, ensuring you receive the best care when you are at your most vulnerable.

Imagine your legacy years from now, shaping healthcare in our community. By including a gift in your will, your impact will extend beyond your lifetime, helping us continue to provide exceptional care as it evolves.

Consider securing MDHF as a part of your legacy, just as it's been a part of your life's story. Together, we can deliver the lifesaving care our community relies on, close to home.

If you have already provided a gift in your will, let us say thank you. Please connect by calling Deborah at 289-218-0715.

Message from Melissa Farrell, President & CEO of Halton Healthcare

Your incredible generosity to Milton District Hospital Foundation (MDHF) is having a profound impact on our hospital's ability to provide top-notch care to our community.

It's been a busy and rewarding year, and we owe so much of our success to the unwavering support of our donors, staff, physicians, and volunteers. We invite you to explore our 2023/2024 Report to the Community to see all that we've accomplished together.

At Milton District Hospital (MDH), your contributions have enabled us to grow in significant ways. With around 15,500 paediatric visits to our Emergency Department and more than 1,500 babies welcomed, we recognized the need for specialized care and, with your help, opened our first paediatric beds in February 2024. We've seen increases in MRI and CT scans, performed over 9,000 surgeries, emphasizing the continued need for reliable medical equipment and technology. Additionally, in September, Dr. Jeffrey Hartman, an orthopaedic surgeon at MDH, launched our new total joint replacement program, beginning with knee replacement surgeries. This program represents a significant milestone for our community, as it allows patients requiring these surgeries to receive care closer to home, eliminating the need to travel to other hospitals.

As Milton continues to grow, with projections of 235,000 residents by 2031, your support will be more crucial than ever. The MDHF's work, powered by your generosity, will help us meet the rising demand for quality healthcare, ensuring that we can continue to provide the best possible care with advanced equipment and innovative programs.

Looking ahead, we've launched One Halton Healthcare, a project dedicated to meeting the needs of our rapidly expanding and diverse community. The ongoing support of donors like you will be key as we continue to transform and improve the care we provide.

We are deeply grateful for the incredible community spirit and generosity that has brought us this far. Together, we've achieved so much, and with your continued support, we're excited to see what more we can accomplish in the future.

Welcome to the newest members of the MDHF Board of Directors!

Jennifer Goody-Brown

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