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### MDH Celebrates Renovated Diagnostic Imaging Department

*The Diagnostic Imaging Department at Milton District Hospital (MDH) now offers expanded services in a newly renovated space.*

Stepping into the Diagnostic Imaging Department at MDH it's hard to believe that the hospital will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. Over the past two years, the space has been transformed into a state-of-the-art Diagnostic Imaging Department that rivals many large urban hospitals.

On Tuesday, April 1st, staff, physicians and invited guests gathered to celebrate the opening of the renovated department and unveil the donor wall whose 900+ names showcase the overwhelming support received from the community. Guests also toured the renovated department with hospital staff to view the new equipment.

"The new pieces of equipment we have purchased are some of the most advanced diagnostics tools available today," explained Dr. Robert Marotta, Chief, HHS Diagnostic Imaging Department. "The 64 Slice CT Scanner allows us to obtain sharp, detailed, multi-dimensional pictures of any body part in just seconds. We can zero in on any area no matter how minute, and manipulate images instantaneously, in any dimension, with ease."

In addition to the CT Scanner, the hospital has added new digital x-ray, ultrasound and fluoroscopy units and will soon be purchasing a digital mammography machine. This new digital technology is essential as the machines need to be compatible with the Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) that Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is in the process of installing and launching across its three hospitals.

PACS makes use of computer and electronic equipment to store and transmit diagnostic images allowing for simultaneous viewing by clinicians. Modern radiology equipment transmits patient images directly to the PACS in digital format. Radiologists can then view the images on computers – eliminating the old method of viewing film.

"Thanks to these investments in new technology we are able to provide our patients and the residents of our communities with quicker access to sophisticated diagnostic services," noted John Oliver, President and CEO of Halton Healthcare. "This would not have been possible without support from the community. On behalf of the staff and physicians at the hospital I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the MDH Foundation and everyone who supported the CT Scanner and Diagnostic Imaging Renewal Campaign."

"The CT Scanner and Diagnostic Imaging Campaign has been the largest campaign the hospital and the Foundation have ever undertaken," said Kim Mason, Co-Chair of the MDHF's CT Scanner and Diagnostic Imaging Campaign. "The overwhelming support we received from the community was fantastic. Milton's community spirit was evident as so many people rallied around this cause. To all the donors and volunteers, thank you."

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HHS received approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the purchase and operation of a CT Scanner at MDH in September of 2005. The MDH Foundation immediately launched a \$3.5 million campaign to support the purchase of the CT and the necessary renovations and expansion of the existing DI space at MDH.

This time last year the Foundation announced it had almost reached its goal of \$3.5 million, but thanks to a surprising pledge from the Orlando Corporation to match each dollar raised to a maximum of \$750,000 the Foundation increased its goal to \$5 million, a total it is just shy of reaching.

For more information about the CT Scanner & Diagnostic Imaging Renewal Campaign, please contact Erin Markham in the Campaign Office at 905-876-7014 or e-mail [emarkham@haltonhealthcare.on.ca](mailto:emarkham@haltonhealthcare.on.ca).

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**Photo: (LEFT to RIGHT)** John Oliver, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare Services; Mary Davies, Chair, HHS Board of Directors; Lisa Shiozaki, Chief Operating Officer and Family Practice Program Leader, Milton District Hospital; Kim Mason and Brent Richardson, Co-Chairs, MDHF's CT Scanner and Diagnostic Imaging Renewal Campaign

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