



What's happening at Georgetown Hospital

SUMMER 2023



When a patient experiencing a critical medical condition needs stabilization in the Emergency Department - time matters. Monitoring possible reactions to a new medication – time matters. Ensuring the safety of patients prior to discharge – time matters. In all areas of Georgetown Hospital, time matters, and the results of laboratory tests are often a determinant in the next steps of a patient's healthcare journey.

The Georgetown Hospital Foundation's *Time Matters* campaign goal is \$500,000 for new and upgraded laboratory equipment, to ensure our healthcare teams have the fastest, most advanced and accurate lab test results to diagnose and treat patients.

In less than three years, the volume of tests being conducted in our lab has increased by nearly 30%. As our community continues to grow, so do we. The *Time Matters* campaign will raise half a million dollars for four new essential pieces of laboratory equipment to increase capacity and reduce the turnaround time for test results.

- Adding a second Coagulation Analyzer, more tests will be done in a shorter amount of time
- Adding new technology with a Hematology analyzer means tests that previously could only be done in other labs will now be done in house
- A Cellavision will increase the type of tests being done at the hospital
- The Water Filtration System will ensure that a safe, sterile water source is available for sensitive tests

All of this state-of-the-art equipment ensures that patient treatment plans can be developed faster and more accurately.

Because when it comes to your health, *time matters*.



"Thanks to all of you, with gratitude. Everyone working at the Georgetown Hospital provides super care for patients by using the available technology to determine the root of the problem, and to prescribe the correct medical approach to regain a good, healthy, active lifestyle."

– CYNTHIA B.

Welcome, Melissa Farrell



With a new commute, three hospitals, and a handful of community sites to explore, Melissa Farrell has had an action-packed start to her new role as President and CEO of Halton Healthcare. Melissa has spent the summer working with, and getting to know, more than 5,100 employees and close to 1,200 professional staff. Melissa has also attended events with the Georgetown Hospital Foundation, including the Donor Appreciation Breakfast in June.

“Halton Healthcare is known for its exceptional care and its dedicated and talented healthcare teams. I am excited to get to know the outstanding people that make up this team and to lead the organization while supporting the growing communities we serve,” said Melissa Farrell, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare.

Melissa comes to Halton Healthcare from her previous position as President of St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton, where she led an innovative multi-site academic teaching hospital, affiliated with McMaster University. Prior to that, Melissa had a distinguished career focused in the public sector.



This is a critical time for healthcare. I look forward to building on Halton Healthcare’s strong foundation to evolve, embrace and lead change so we can continue to support the current and future needs of our communities and our teams.”

– MELISSA FARRELL
President and CEO of Halton Healthcare

Impact of Your Donation

The Gala



With your help, we were able to raise more than \$180,000 for Georgetown Hospital at the 2022 Georgetown Hospital Foundation Gala. These funds were put toward the purchase of an infant radiant warmer and infant heart rate monitor for our littlest patients.

McHappy Day



Thank you to Casey and Tim O'Connor for your very generous donation of \$7,650 from this year's McHappy Day! The funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new Giraffe Incubator Carestation for Georgetown Hospital's tiniest patients.

Smile Cookie



What an incredibly successful Smile Cookie campaign this year! More than 21,000 cookies were purchased from May 1 to 7 between the three Georgetown Tim Hortons restaurants, which means \$31,891 was raised for surgical equipment at Georgetown Hospital, including a brain function monitor!

Nursing Education



Thank you to RBC for the incredibly generous pledge of \$30,000 over three years to support the work our nurses do every single day. This donation will go toward specific upskilling and training courses that will focus on child care in a variety of departments.

Thank you to our Community Partners



Georgetown Hospital Cruise Lottery: Thank you to Expedia Cruises in Georgetown for partnering with us on an incredible cruise lottery earlier this year! \$16,240 was raised through lottery ticket sales. Thank you to everyone who supported Georgetown Hospital, and congratulations to our winner, Lee-Ann J.



Lazeez Shawarma Georgetown:

Lazeez Shawarma in Georgetown generously donated \$5,000 to our hospital at its grand opening celebration in June as a show of appreciation and support. Thank you, Lazeez, for your generosity!



Shoppers Drug Mart Run For Women:

This year's Run For Women in Oakville supporting all three Halton Healthcare hospital sites, raised the highest amount in the history of the event! Thank you to Shoppers Drug Mart for supporting Halton Healthcare, and for making a positive impact on women's mental health.



Georgetown Lions & Kinsmen Golf Tournament:

In June, the Georgetown Lions Club and Georgetown Kinsmen joined forces for a golf tournament at Georgetown Golf Club supporting Cystic Fibrosis and the Georgetown Hospital. A generous donation was made to Georgetown Hospital to support the purchase of laboratory equipment. Thank you to both organizations for your kindness!



Canadian Tire:

Thank you to the staff at Canadian Tire for the incredibly generous gift through payroll deductions of \$10,757! This donation was made during our Holiday Appeal campaign which means their kindness was DOUBLED! Thank you again for supporting local healthcare.



Who do you rely on in your life?

No one wants to go to the hospital. Yet, how many times have you relied on the hospital to get you through a health crisis? You breathe a sigh of relief when you walk through the doors, another when a nurse speaks calmly to you and again when the doctor approaches you with a plan. You can always rely on the hospital to be there when you need it.

After the crisis has subsided, people often say, "How can I ever repay you?" Many patients respond with a donation and again when writing their will. They pause and reflect on the impact the hospital has had on their family over time. Healthcare evolves, and it is gifts in wills graciously planned today that will allow the hospital to respond with the best care years from now.

If you have provided a gift in your will, thank you! If you haven't told us, let us know, so we can express our gratitude privately. We rely on each other. Thank you for caring.

Contact Deborah Bauder to let her know of your future gift:



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Georgetown Hospital: By the numbers



Surgeries: 4,345 surgeries were performed at the hospital last year, an increase of 19%.



Laboratory: More than 338,000 lab tests were conducted last year, an increase of 4%.



Diagnostic Imaging: More than 55,000 diagnostic images were taken at Georgetown Hospital last year, an increase of 22%.



Emergency Department: There were more than 36,000 visits to the ED last year, down slightly by 4% from the year prior.



Obstetrics: Georgetown Hospital welcomed 413 babies last year, an increase of 2%.

Georgetown Kia returns as sponsor for 15th annual Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital



A generous supporter of Georgetown Hospital, Georgetown Kia has been a part of the community since the early-2000s. During that time, Kia has also been a sponsor for the Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital, and they are proud to announce

that the Kick-Off Party will be held at their 15 Mountainview Road location this year! Everyone is welcome to stop by on Thursday, September 7 between 6 and 8 p.m. to register for

the Walk or Run and learn more about event activities, while enjoying refreshments at the dealership.



We are so pleased to be able to help support our local hospital and the incredible work they do by sponsoring the Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital. At Georgetown Kia, we are committed to giving back to our community and we are proud to be part of this wonderful event. We hope everyone will come out on September 24 and show their support by raising money for such an important cause."

– TONY GAROFOLI
Owner, Georgetown Kia



Upcoming events:



Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital: Join us for the 2023 Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital on **Sunday, September 24** at the Gellert Community Centre! We're so excited to spend the day raising funds for vital equipment and technology at Georgetown Hospital, including new equipment for our hospital's Laboratory. Register at www.ghfwalkrun.ca!



The Gala: The Gala in support of Georgetown Hospital is back! We'll see you on **Saturday, November 4** at Lionhead Golf Club and Conference Centre in Brampton for an evening of fun, friends, and philanthropy. Individual tickets and tables are now available for purchase by contacting the Foundation office at ghfoundation@haltonhealthcare.com or 905-873-4599. We look forward to seeing you there!

Become a community partner!

Interested in hosting your own fundraiser in support of Georgetown Hospital? Leading a fundraiser, no matter the size, is a great way to support local healthcare in your community! For more information, contact

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