



2024

Winter Newsletter

Important News and Updates



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Walker Wood Family Land Donation

The Walker Wood family made a historic contribution to our community this fall, gifting Halton Healthcare an unprecedented 105 acres of land valued at approximately \$45 million. This incredibly generous donation, the largest in the history of Halton Healthcare, paves the way for the redevelopment of Georgetown Hospital and additional healthcare facilities.

The Walker Wood family donated the farm that was their home for many years to Halton Healthcare in memory of Neil Cameron Walker Wood, who passed away in 2021. "My husband, Neil, and I have made the Walker Wood Farm in Georgetown our home for over 40 years," says Susan, Neil Walker Wood's wife. "The farm has been the centre of our family during that time, a beautiful space where we have created many wonderful memories. We have always held a strong belief in giving back to our community and it provides our family immense pleasure to donate this land in memory of my late husband. We are delighted that Halton Healthcare will honour my husband's legacy to advance healthcare for the people in this community for years to come."

"I am thrilled to extend my thanks to the Walker Wood family for the incredible gift they have granted to our Town. To Halton Healthcare and Georgetown Hospital this is a remarkable milestone for our community's future healthcare redevelopment. The Walker Wood family makes this incredible donation as a way of giving back to Canada and our community for opportunities leading to their success. What a magnificent honour for Halton Hills. It is a gift that will touch all our residents and future generations."

Ann Lawlor, Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

The President & CEO of Halton Healthcare, Melissa Farrell, says the Wood family has strong ties to Georgetown and they are committed to advancing healthcare in the community. "The family is asking for very little in return for this staggeringly generous gift. They have asked that the land be used only for the purpose of enriching healthcare and wellness in the community, and that is exactly what we intend to do."



Susan and Kate Wood

The need for healthcare services in this community is urgent and projected to continue growing. Georgetown Hospital was built in 1961 to meet the health needs of 10,000 residents. In 2021, the population in Halton Hills was almost 63,000 and the hospital also cares for many people from neighbouring municipalities such as Brampton, Caledon, Erin and Milton.

"There is a need to significantly expand and improve healthcare capacity and infrastructure to better serve our community," shared Melissa Farrell at an official announcement of the donation on November 3. "Now that Halton Healthcare has the land, we can get down to the detailed planning for a new hospital. We are actively engaged with the Ministry of Health to work through the many stages required for hospital capital planning, and having the land is an important step in securing approval for the next stage of redevelopment."

"Words cannot express our gratitude to the Walker Wood family for their transformative gift of 105 acres of land," says Georgetown Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Sandra Taylor. "We will look for ways to honour the memory of Neil Walker Wood and the generosity of his family. As we move forward, we will engage with the community to help redefine the future of Georgetown Hospital to better serve our community. We have always relied on you – our donors – and we will need your continued support as redevelopment forges ahead."



In this noteworthy act of generosity, the Walker Wood family is laying the foundation for a healthier, more vibrant future for our community. Congratulations to Halton Healthcare on receiving this land donation that paves the way for the future redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital. This is a great step towards providing modern, local healthcare services to our growing community.



Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills



The Walker Wood family's spectacular gift marks a new chapter for healthcare in our community. As the journey toward the redevelopment of Georgetown Hospital continues, the legacy of this remarkable donation will be a testament to the power of generosity and will shape the future of healthcare in our community for generations to come.

The acreage is located at 9527 Trafalgar Road, south of Georgetown Hospital, and is close to local and provincial transportation routes such as Highway 7 and Highway 401.

L to R: Dr. Craig Carson, Associate Chief of Staff; Monica Bettazzoni, Chief Operating Officer; Mayor Ann Lawlor; Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills; Parm Gill, MPP Milton; Melissa Farrell, President & CEO

Impact of your Donations



Operating Room Table – A brand new operating room table was funded during the 2023 Gala Fund-A-Need segment by our inspirational attendees.



Critical Care Ventilator – Thanks to you, our extremely generous donors, Georgetown Hospital's Respiratory Therapy Unit has a new critical care ventilator.



Vital Signs Monitors – In addition to the new operating table, three portable vital signs monitors were funded by the generous attendees at The Gala in November – one for our Complex and Transitional Care Unit and two for the Emergency Department.



Electrocardiogram Machine (ECG) –The purchase of a new portable ECG machine for Georgetown Hospital's Emergency Department was helped by Atura Power – Halton Hills Generating Station.



Brain Function Monitor – The funds raised during Smile Cookie week in May allowed the purchase of a brain function monitor for our Surgical Department. This is a brand new piece of equipment for Georgetown Hospital, and will be incredibly valuable to our surgical team.

Time Matters Campaign

The Georgetown Hospital Foundation is thrilled to be closing in on the \$500,000 *Time Matters* campaign goal for new and upgraded laboratory equipment, to ensure our healthcare teams have the fastest, most advanced and accurate lab 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 is raising half a million dollars for four new essential pieces of laboratory equipment, including a Hematology Analyzer, CellaVision, a Coagulation Analyzer, and a new water filtration system. The addition of these important pieces of equipment will allow for increased capacity and reduce the turnaround time for test results. Because when it comes to your health, *time matters*.

In the Community



Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital



What an amazing day!

Thank you to all 389 Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital participants, as well as our amazing



sponsors, vendors, donors, and fundraisers. Thanks to you, we raised more than **\$86,000** for our *Time Matters* laboratory equipment

campaign! Your tremendous generosity and kindness made the Walk or Run a huge success. Mark your calendars for next year! We'll see you back at the Gellert Community Centre on Sunday, September 29, 2024!

The Gala in support of Georgetown Hospital



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made The Gala in support of Georgetown Hospital a resounding success!

Together, we raised more than **\$247,000**, all for your community hospital. This is the most The Gala has ever raised, and we couldn't



have done it without the unwavering support of our generous sponsors, donors, attendees and volunteers. Your contributions and efforts have truly made a significant impact by raising funds for both our Surgical Department and *Time Matters* campaign.

Atura Power

We celebrate Atura Power – Halton Hills Generating Station for completing their pledge which saw their generosity recognized by naming the X-Ray Waiting Room at Georgetown Hospital. This year's pledge payment helped purchase a new portable electro cardiogram (ECG) machine for our Emergency Department! Thank you, Atura Power, for your generous support of our community hospital.



Diwali in Halton Hills

In November, more than 150 people gathered to celebrate Diwali in Halton Hills. Aditee Goswami, the event's organizer, donated \$500 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. Thank you, Aditee and other Diwali attendees, for your support of local healthcare!



Courtesy of haltonhillstoday.ca

Additional Community Partners:

- The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association (GHVA) continued its commitment in support of Georgetown Hospital, presenting a cheque for \$60,000 at its 64th Annual Meeting in July.
- The Beer Store in Georgetown donated an incredible \$10,130 when our community returned their empty bottles and cans in July and August.
- Farm Girl Fitness donated \$300 from their line dancing fundraiser.
- Lions Club of Georgetown donated \$15,283 through their annual golf tournament with the Kinsmen Club, plus partial proceeds from their lottery fundraiser to purchase an Infusomat Space Large Volume Pump for Georgetown Hospital's Medical Surgical Department.
- Amica Georgetown sponsored numerous appreciation activities in 2023, including free coffee and ice cream days for staff, physicians and volunteers at Georgetown Hospital.

Rising Stars

Madison & Annika

Thank you, Madison and Annika, for supporting Georgetown Hospital once again by donating **\$1,250**. Over the past three years, Madison has raised \$4,000 for our hospital by selling lemonade and cookies to her friends, family, and neighbours! Your philanthropic efforts are inspiring, Madison and Annika! Thank you for all of your hard work.



Kathryn & Avery

We extend a very special thank you to Kathryn and Avery for their generous donation of \$30 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation! Every dollar makes a difference. Kathryn and Avery decided to raise funds through sales of their handmade jewellery and lemonade in honour of Kathryn's mom who was treated at Georgetown Hospital in 2023. Thank you for supporting your community hospital!



Parkview Kids

A heartfelt thank you to the Parkview Kids for the very kind donation of \$131 through lemonade sales in their neighbourhood! A round of applause to these young philanthropists for their generosity – and for giving back to local healthcare.



Georgetown Hospital is clearly close to your heart.

Did you realize you can make a large and lasting contribution through a gift in your Will without using resources you need now, or taking away from loved ones? Even 1% of your estate could result in a truly powerful gift, while still leaving 99% for family and friends.



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A Note from the Executive Director



WOW – what a gift to Halton Healthcare!

It's the start of a New Year but we are still buzzing with excitement! In November, an announcement was made of the unprecedented donation of 105 acres of land from the Walker Wood family to Halton Healthcare. It is hard to find words to describe the magnitude of this gift and the incredible possibilities it opens up for the redevelopment of Georgetown Hospital. There are many steps ahead to realize the vision of a new hospital and this is a spectacular first step on that journey. We look forward to working with our community and keeping you up to date as the redevelopment project unfolds.

While we are buoyed by news of the land donation, the Georgetown Hospital Foundation remains firmly committed to funding the current vital equipment needs at Georgetown Hospital. We are thrilled to be in the home stretch of our \$500,000 *Time Matters* campaign, to raise funds for urgently needed new and upgraded laboratory equipment, which will have a direct impact on patient care.

Our recent Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital and Gala in support of Georgetown Hospital both raised record amounts to make significant strides towards our *Time Matters* goal. It has truly been a community effort to get us so close to our target, with corporate and community partners stepping up, along with individuals like you, who

so loyally support our hospital and help us advance with every gift you make.

Please continue to follow us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletters to receive all of our updates on what's going on this year. 2024 promises to be incredible, thanks to you and our entire community for supporting Georgetown Hospital!

With heartfelt thanks,

Sandra Taylor

Executive Director, Georgetown Hospital Foundation

“Thank you to the Walker Wood family for their generous gift to Halton Healthcare and I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire community on this important milestone. This land donation will support the future redevelopment of healthcare services in Halton Region and is a significant step towards our shared goal of improving healthcare services and providing quality care for all Ontarians.”

Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction,
MPP, Milton

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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