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Trillium Health Partners' CEO and Chief of Staff accept the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

(Mississauga, Ont.) – Staff, physicians and volunteers gathered to watch Trillium Health Partners' President and CEO Michelle DiEmanuele and Chief of Staff Dr. Dante Morra accept the Ice Bucket Challenge in support of ALS.

This week's Ice Bucket Challenge was held in a special location at the Trillium Health Partners' Mississauga Hospital ICU Garden. The creation of this garden was inspired by a former Trillium Health Partners' patient diagnosed with ALS and treated for many months in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Passionate about gardening before succumbing to ALS, the patient greatly missed his garden at home during his hospital stay. Trillium Health Partners ICU staff and volunteers rallied to raise funds and worked with the patient's family to build the beautiful garden as a special place for all ICU patients, families and staff to enjoy.

"ALS is a cause near and dear to us both – professionally and personally. We are pleased to accept this challenge to create awareness for this important cause," says Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO of Trillium Health Partners.

"ALS affects so few people that it often doesn't have a voice within our community as a disease," says Dr. Dante Morra, Chief of Staff of Trillium Health Partners. "This challenge brings a voice to patients and families stricken with rare diseases that people don't often hear about."

In the spirit of raising awareness, Michelle DiEmanuele and Dr. Dante Morra have passed on the challenge to their fellow community partners, Halton Healthcare's President and CEO Denise Hardenne and Chief of Staff Dr. Lorne Martin. For more details, watch the video [here](#).

About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based academically affiliated acute care facilities in Canada, serving the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. To learn more, visit www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca

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