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**TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS UNVEILED NEW WOMEN'S IMAGING AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE**

*New centre provides patients with fully integrated care closer to home*

October 12, 2017 (Mississauga, ON) – Today, as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Trillium Health Partners (THP) and Trillium Health Partners Foundation (THPF) celebrated the official opening of the *new Michèle S. Darling Women's Imaging and Assessment Centre* at its Credit Valley Hospital site.

Trillium Health Partners is grateful to long-time friend and supporter Michèle S. Darling for her cumulative \$1 million investment in health care for our community and her generous support of the new centre. The hospital is pleased to recognize and honour her for her dedicated efforts to advance women's health and her commitment to improving access to care in our community by naming this space the *Michèle S. Darling Women's Imaging and Assessment Centre*.

The new *Michèle S. Darling Women's Imaging and Assessment Centre* integrates diagnostic imaging services with the Breast Cancer Diagnostic Program, providing a coordinated, patient-centred approach to care where patients can receive breast diagnostic tests, receive consultation and follow up and see their surgeon all in one place. The new centre offers patients faster access to diagnosis, meaning breast cancer can be discovered at the earliest possible stage with a better chance of successful treatment, less chance of spread and more treatment options available to patients.

The new centre includes two surgical consult rooms, a patient education/consult room, a nurse navigator room, two mammography rooms, one ultrasound room and a breast biopsy room with specialized equipment to perform minimally invasive breast biopsies.

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE MICHÈLE S. DARLING WOMEN'S IMAGING AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE**

- More than **1,400 patients** are expected to visit the new centre monthly
- The new centre integrates previously separated services in one location, including:
  - Regular breast screening and diagnosis - ultrasound, breast biopsy and mammography, with mammography available 7 days per week
  - Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program that offers a patient-centred approach to care with a nurse navigator who supports patients' psycho-social and educational needs and who plays a coordinating role with the patient's health care team on the patient's treatment plan, helping coordinate tests and appointments they might need

- Designated site for Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP), providing screening for women aged 50 to 74 who are at average risk for breast cancer;
  - Designated site for High Risk OBSP, providing screening and diagnosis for women aged 30 to 69 who are at high risk for breast cancer with annual mammogram and MRI exams;
  - An on-site radiologist who can read mammograms and ultrasounds as well as perform biopsies and who is available for timely consultation with the breast surgeons in the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program
  - Ability for patients to have their biopsy and see a surgeon all in one visit;
  - Follow-up for patients after their biopsy, surgery and/or treatment
- The space has been redesigned to offer a pleasant, warm, comforting and positive environment to patients, including artwork donated by the Artworks for Cancer Foundation

### **QUICK FACTS ABOUT BREAST CANCER**

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Ontario women
- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime
- In Peel Region alone, over 520 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.
- Trillium Health Partners does the most breast cancer surgeries within the Greater Toronto Area, and its Peel Regional Cancer Centre has a world-class oncology program serving more than 2 million people in the Mississauga Halton and Central West Local Health Integration Networks

### **QUOTES:**

“The Michèle S. Darling Women’s Imaging and Assessment Centre provides women requiring breast imaging an integrated and coordinated experience to their care at often a very stressful time in their lives – all in one location. The Centre’s services include mammography, ultrasound, breast biopsy and the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program (DAP) ensuring that cancer is diagnosed at the earliest possible stage.”

*Leslie Starr-Hemburrow*

Vice President, Patient Care Services, Trillium Health Partners and Regional Vice President, Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program

“We are exceptionally grateful to Michèle Darling for her vision and enduring support of women’s health. Michèle is a caring, compassionate leader actively working to make our community a better place. We are delighted to honour her legacy of support and service through the naming of the *Michèle S. Darling Women’s Imaging and Assessment Centre*.”

*Steve Hoscheit*

President & CEO

Trillium Health Partners Foundation

“I’m honoured to support Trillium Health Partners, to help advance such an important area of care for our community. Women’s health and wellness is an area that I care deeply about, and I hope this centre will represent a beacon of strength and courage for women in our community.”

*Michèle Darling*  
Donor

“I am so grateful for the incredible care provided by Trillium Health Partners. This new Centre will be critical for our community, allowing women to access fully integrated care, close to home.”

*Tracy Hurst*  
Cancer Patient

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### **About Trillium Health Partners**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

### **About Trillium Health Partners Foundation**

Trillium Health Partners Foundation is dedicated to raising the critical funds needed to address the highest-priority needs of Trillium Health Partners, the largest community-based, acute care facility in Ontario. Trillium Health Partners is comprised of The Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre. To learn more, visit [trilliumgiving.ca](http://trilliumgiving.ca).

### **About Michèle Darling**

Michèle Darling, a former chief executive in the area of human resources management and leader in corporate governance, has long been a trailblazer in women’s leadership roles. Michèle has been a supporter of Trillium Health Partners in service, leadership and philanthropy for many years. She previously served as the Chair of the Trillium Health Partners Foundation Board of Directors, and currently serves as a Director on the Trillium Health Partners Board of Directors.

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