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## **New Artwork Supports Healing Environment for Cancer Patients**

*Trillium Health Partners Unveils Generous Donation from ArtWorks for Cancer Foundation*

January 19, 2018 (Mississauga, ON) –Yesterday, Trillium Health Partners (THP) and Trillium Health Partners Foundation (THPF) celebrated a generous donation of artwork today from ArtWorks for Cancer Foundation (AWFC) to the Queensway Health Centre’s Betty and Buster Lockwood Cancer Detection and Treatment Centre and the Credit Valley Hospital’s Michèle S. Darling Women’s Imaging and Assessment Centre.

Trillium Health Partners is the first hospital to receive donated artwork from AWFC. ArtWorks for Cancer Foundation was founded by one of Trillium Health Partners’ physician, Dr. Michael Weinberg, who along with AWFC team members created partnerships linking hospitals with artwork donors.

Each of the members of the AWFC team have been touched by cancer and want to transform clinical oncology areas in hospitals across the province of Ontario into warm, hopeful, healing spaces for patients and their families.

Some of the AWFC members donated from their own collections. The additional donors are made up of artists, dealers, estates, corporations and dealers who wish to improve the space cancer patients spend their time in. Each of the pieces were carefully selected with input from patients through THP’s cancer program’s Patient and Family Advisory Council.

Learn more about the Artworks for Cancer Foundation [www.artworksforcancer.com](http://www.artworksforcancer.com) .

### **Quotes:**

*“We are exceptionally grateful to Dr. Weinberg and the ArtWorks for Cancer Foundation for their generous donation of artwork. It’s an honour to partner with them as the first hospital beneficiary. Their investment is already having such a positive impact giving our patients as sense of comfort and hope during their health care journey.”*

Steve Hoscheit, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners Foundation

*“We are incredibly proud of the cancer care that is available at Trillium Health Partners and incorporating beautiful artwork in waiting areas and treatment rooms creates a warm, homelike, healing environment and hopefully relieves stress, reduces anxiety and contributes to improving the patient experience.”*

Leslie Starr, Vice President, Patient Care Services & Regional Vice President, Mississauga Halton Central West Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Care Ontario

*“This has been a very worthwhile project, I have been touched by cancer in my personal life and professionally through the care that I provide, and this was a great way to combine my love of art and my mission to improve the health care experience for cancer patients.”*

Dr. Michael Weinberg, Division Head Plastic Surgery, Trillium Health Partners and Founder & Chair, ArtWorks for Cancer Foundation

*“I am thankful for the care I’ve received at Trillium Health Partners. As a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council for the Oncology Program it was a privilege to be able to give back to the hospital by working to improve the patient experience through my involvement in the selection process of the artwork.”*

Joanne Petrie, Peel Regional Cancer Centre Patient and Family Advisory Council member

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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. Trillium Health Partners is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

**About Trillium Health Partners Foundation**

Trillium Health Partners Foundation was formed in July 2013 upon the successful amalgamation of Trillium Health Centre Foundation and The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation. Together as one foundation, Trillium Health Partners Foundation is dedicated to raising the critical funds needed to address the highest priority needs of Trillium Health Partners.

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