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## HAZEL MCCALLION CELEBRATES MILESTONE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH RARE GLIMPSE INTO LEGENDARY LIFE AND CAREER

Trillium Health Partners Foundation to release photo book of THP's Honourary Guardian to benefit the hospital she helped build

**Mississauga, On (November 23, 2020)** – In time for her centenarian year, Hazel McCallion, in partnership with Trillium Health Partners Foundation (THPF), is releasing a commemorative photo book chronicling her remarkable life and outstanding achievements as Mississauga's fifth and longest-serving mayor.

A lifelong champion of health care in Mississauga, McCallion led the drive to build Trillium Health Partners' (THP) Credit Valley Hospital site in 1976. To mark her milestone birthday on Feb. 14, 2021, Hazel continues to advance modern, accessible health care for the growing community of Mississauga, Peel Region and beyond by dedicating the proceeds from the sale of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Book to the redevelopment of THP's Mississauga Hospital site.

"No one embodies the spirit of public service more than Hazel McCallion, who has dedicated almost four decades of her life to the great people and City of Mississauga. I am proud to call her a friend and advisor," said the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. "This photo book honours a true legend, while also supporting our frontline heroes at Trillium Health Partners."

"If we've learned anything from COVID-19, it's the importance our hospitals play in the health and wellbeing of our community," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie. "This fundraising effort will go a long way in ensuring residents continue to have a world-class hospital system in Mississauga. What is truly inspirational for me, is that after all these years Hazel continues to find a way to make significant contributions to our City."

THP is the largest community academic hospital in Ontario, with over 1.75 million patient visits last year. Over the next 20 years, it will see the highest growth in demand for services and the greatest need for incremental bed capacity in the province. THP has played a key role in fighting COVID-19, but has been challenged by the limitations of the aging infrastructure at the Mississauga Hospital site. The new Mississauga Hospital will have more capacity to care for patients, while reflecting the best of today's standards.

"Hazel McCallion has always believed that excellent health care is the bedrock of a successful city," noted Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO of THP. "Over the years I have known her,

she has energetically supported THP in so many ways and continues to be a great champion for us.”

“I’m going to be turning 100 years old this February but with COVID-19, we had to find an innovative way to celebrate. That’s why I’m honoured to support Trillium Health Partners with this exciting fundraising initiative,” said Hazel McCallion. “This 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday book will feature a visual story of my life, as well as the many businesses and community members who have helped build this great city and I am excited to share it with my community.”

More than \$1 million dollars has already been raised for the initiative from all of the community members who love and admire Hazel. The goal is to raise at least \$1.5 million.

“THP has benefitted over many years from Hazel’s unwavering support. Once again, she has stepped up to ensure the people of Mississauga can get the care they need by supporting the expansion and redevelopment of Mississauga Hospital,” said Caroline Riseboro, President and CEO of the THP Foundation. “Buy one for yourself, buy another for a friend, it chronicles an incredible individual’s life and it’s all for a great cause!”

There are a number of ways to support the Hazel McCallion 100th Birthday Photo Book that include:

- Sponsorship and advertising opportunities
- Photo Books available for purchase for \$100
- A donation to the project: for gifts of \$25, your name will be recognized in the book (if received by December 15, otherwise it will appear on the Photo Book website)

A special thanks to the sponsors who have stepped up so far to support the Hazel McCallion 100th Birthday Photo Book:

- Presenting sponsor: Mattamy Homes
- Diamond sponsors: Lakeview Community Partners Ltd., Longo’s
- Platinum sponsor: Square One Shopping Centre
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- Community Partner sponsor: Shenglin Financial, NTN Bearing Corporation of Canada

Also, thank you to the extraordinary Honourary Chairs who have worked alongside Hazel to help make Mississauga the great city it is today. Honourary Chairs include:

- Silvio De Gasperis, TACC Group of Companies Owner
- Peter Gilgan, Mattamy Homes Founder
- Anthony Longo, Longo’s President and CEO

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### **About Trillium Health Partners**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based hospital systems 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.

### **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, one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada.

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