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## Trillium Health Partners Foundation Launches 1<sup>st</sup> Hazel McCallion Walk for Health

**Mississauga, On (March 21, 2022)** –The Hazel McCallion Walk for Health is a brand new 2 km and 5 km fundraising event hosted by Trillium Health Partners Foundation taking place on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Port Credit Memorial Park. This will be the first time since the beginning of the pandemic Trillium Health Partners Foundation (THPF) will be hosting an in-person signature event. It will be a day filled with celebrations and fun activities. The community will have a chance to come together with THP to fundraise for the hospital and celebrate health care workers. Money raised from the walk will help build Canada’s largest hospital, the future home of *The Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital*. *The Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital* will replace the existing 62-year old facility and is a critical part of THP’s plan to build a new kind of health care that serves a growing and diverse community. Once complete, the new hospital will offer over 950 beds, more surgical capacity and a much larger emergency department.

This event is led by THP’s Honorary Guardian, former longstanding Mississauga Mayor and avid walker, Hazel McCallion, with the goal of celebrating health care workers who work tirelessly to deliver exceptional care, close to home. Hazel, who recently celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, will be in attendance, leading the way. A devoted supporter of creating a healthier community, Hazel has led many THP causes over the years and is thrilled to be walking alongside the community this summer. This event is a great way to show support for THP while getting outside with family, friends and colleagues.

“Hazel McCallion has been a champion of better health in our community for decades and we are honoured to be launching this brand new event with her at the helm. Together we will celebrate health care workers with our community and THP, all in support of creating a new kind of health care for a healthier tomorrow,” says Caroline Riseboro, President and CEO of the THP Foundation.

THP is the largest community-based academic hospital network in Canada, with 1.7 million patient visits per year across three main sites: Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre. THP cares for 2.2 million people in the West GTA, with the most inpatients and most births per year in Ontario, and some of the largest volumes for emergency care and surgery. These numbers are only expected to climb as the community rapidly grows and ages.

To encourage community engagement, The Hazel McCallion Walk for Health is free to register and participants who set a fundraising goal will receive ribbons, T-shirts, swag bags, and wristband access to the family-friendly festival featuring a free BBQ lunch, live entertainment and child-friendly activities.

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Those interested in participating can register online at [www.trilliumwalk.ca](http://www.trilliumwalk.ca)

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### **About Trillium Health Partners**

Trillium Health Partners is the largest community-based hospital system in Ontario. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and 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 Foundation**

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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