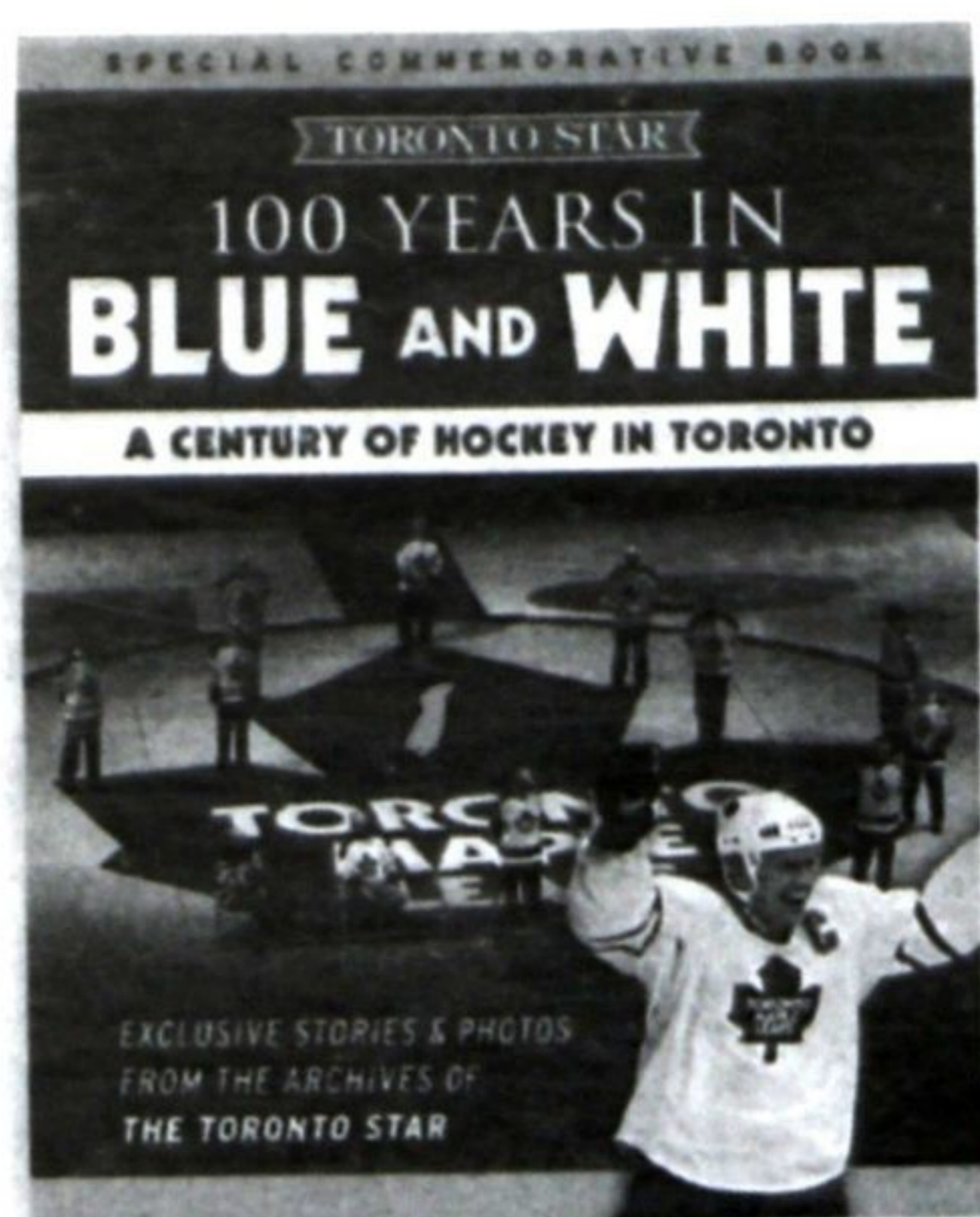


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Canadian Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Foundation plan merger

Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) recently announced plans to merge by February 2017.

However, details on how it will affect local community offices remains unclear.

In a joint statement, the two organizations said they are amalgamating in order to have "a greater impact on cancer research and support programs across Canada."

"Put simply, we are stronger together," said Robert Lawrie, Chair of the CCS Board of Directors in a media release. "The impact of each of these two organizations is substantial, and bringing them together will have so many benefits for Canadians."

"It will improve our performance, increase opportunities, reduce costs, expand resources, enhance advocacy efforts and allow more funds to be directed to cancer research and support."

Canadian Cancer Society Halton Community Office, which serves Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Georgetown, states it is unsure how the changes will affect the local level.

When asked what the announcement means to its daily operations, CCS Community Fund-raiser Specialist Shelley Frank said at the mo-

ment, it doesn't know much more than what has been issued publicly by the CCS and CBCF. What is known is CCS and CBCF will operate under the CCS banner.

New role

Lynne Hudson, the CEO of CBCF was appointed to the role of CCS President and CEO, according to the release.

She will lead both CBCF and CCS through the amalgamation, which is expected to be finalized by Feb. 1, 2017.

It still needs appropriate approvals.

In the meantime, both organizations will continue to operate as usual.

Valerie Steele, Chair of the CBCF Board of Directors, said the amalgamation is timely and will help meet increased demands for support and research and advance "our shared vision of a world where no Canadians fear cancer."

According to CCS and CBCF, by 2030, the number of cancer cases in Canada is expected to rise by 40 per cent, driven largely by the aging population. This surge in cancer cases will bring with it increasing demand for services, programs and research.

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