

Evening allowed sharing of results to improve delivery of care

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Regional Learning Centre; and Medication Process Quality Improvement Plan.

The evening was capped off with the handing out of the Pinnacle Award to an organization that gives “high-quality, innovative care,” which was presented to the Caregiver ReCharge Service: In-Home Respite in the Mississauga Halton LHIN.

“It was impressive to see the commitment and excellent work that is resulting in improvements to care in the Mississauga Halton LHIN region,” said Lee Fairclough, vice-president of Quality Improvement at Health Quality Ontario and the keynote speaker for the event.

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ebration — are important parts of nurturing a culture of quality.”

The evening provided health service providers and partners a chance to share results across the health care system, said Mississauga Halton CEO Bill MacLeod, “which has become a proven methodology for improving care for patients leading to stronger outcomes and a better health care experience.”

Oakvillian with EDS heads to Queen’s Park with MPP to call on government support

Since its inception, the Oakville-based ILC Foundation has been assisting families living with chronic diseases in getting the provincial government to support the treatments of those conditions.

On Wednesday (Oct. 28) morning, Michael Harries, MPP for Kitchener-Conestoga, joined Erika Crawford and Brooklyn Mills — diagnosed with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) — and family members Darren and Michelle Crawford and Rebecca Mills to call on government for support and treatment for those impacted by the life debilitating effects of EDS.

Harris was to present the Legislature with petitions with more than 7,500 signatures in support of the cause.

EDS is a rare condition that is difficult to diagnose, treat and care for. It affects only one in every

5,000 people and is marked by the inability of the collagen in the body to hold itself together.

Rebecca Mills is the co-founding director of the ILC Foundation, along with executive director Sandy Smeenk.

Smeenk says she co-founded the organization with Brooklyn’s mom after witnessing the struggles of the Mills family and realizing they weren’t alone.

ILC’s (Improving the Lives of Children and Families with Chronic Pain Charitable Foundation) mission is to help children across Canada suffering from all chronic pain disorders get the treatment they so desperately need, through its peer-support network, one-on-one-support and other partnership programs it has in communities.

More information at theilcfoundation.org.

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