

# Hospital Foundation receives record bequest of \$300,000

This spring Georgetown Hospital Foundation received its largest single donation ever—a bequest of \$300,000 from Vera Isobel Wallace.

The funding will be used by the Foundation to improve patient care at Georgetown Hospital through the establishment of the Brigadier F.C. Wallace and Vera Isobel Wallace Fund.

“To have left such a large bequest to us really demonstrates the positive impact the Georgetown Hospital had on Mrs. Wallace,” said K.C. Carruthers, Executive Director, Georgetown Hospital Foundation. “It was an unexpected gift, but one that will help develop our patient care services here at Georgetown Hospital and for that we can only be thankful.”

Wallace was born just outside of Guelph. Her father, Dr. James H. King, was a family doctor in the 1920s and 30s who travelled by horse and buggy to see his patients, many who were farmers. In those days before universal medical care, Dr. King often accepted produce in return for his care, or even provided care for free in cases where a family could not compensate him.

“I think this really made an impression on Vera,” recalls Paul Marshall, Vera’s nephew. “She was a country girl who remembered the compassion of her father, a ‘horse and buggy doctor’ with a generous spirit.”

She married Brigadier F.C. “Eric” Wallace, a veteran of both world wars and a



Vera Isobel Wallace and her husband F.C. “Eric” Wallace are pictured from the 1960s.

*Photo courtesy Georgetown Hospital Foundation*

decorated hero of the famous Dunkirk rescue from the Second World War. After moving to Canada, Brigadier Wallace became a successful businessman in Georgetown. He was President and CEO of Smith and Stone and Canadian Pittsburgh Industries and also held positions on corporate boards with Canadian companies such as Simpson’s, Duplate Canada and Fiberglass Canada Limited. Brigadier Wallace received care at Georgetown Hospital before he died in 1988.

To donate or find out more information about the Georgetown Hospital Foundation, visit [www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca](http://www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca).

## Group names town a youth-friendly community

Halton Hills is a youth-friendly community says a provincial organization.

Play Works, an organization that focuses on physical activity, engagement, arts, culture and recreation for youth aged 13 to 19 has awarded the Town the designation of Silver—Youth

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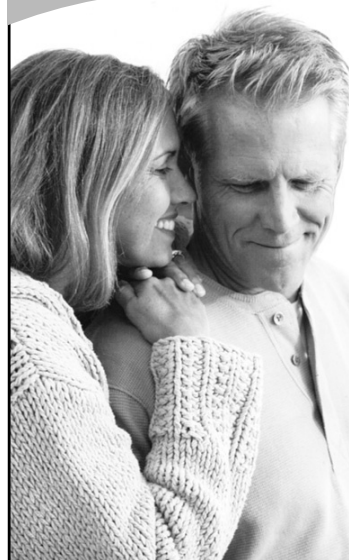
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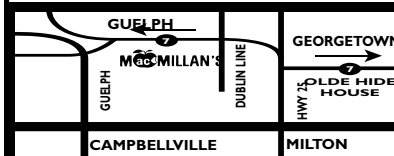
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