

# Hospital earns top recycling honour

Georgetown Hospital has been given a gold star for its efforts to minimize its environmental footprint.

The local hospital and Milton District Hospital received gold awards and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital received a silver award during the 2010 Recycling Council of Ontario's Annual Awards Gala.

These awards recognized Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) for minimizing its impact on the environment by increasing energy efficiency and waste diversion. Overall in 2009, HHS achieved a 53 per cent waste diversion rate at both Milton and Georgetown hospitals and a 51

per cent diversion rate at the Oakville hospital, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 500 cars—the capacity of the entire parking garage at the Oakville facility.


HHS's green path started with the recycling efforts at Georgetown Hospital and has since expanded into a very inclusive corporate-wide recycling program. Today, the organization recycles a whole range of materials. Obsolete medical equipment, beds, and assistive rehabilitation devices are donated to developing countries.

"This outstanding accomplishment has distinguished HHS as a leader among a broad

spectrum of organizations from the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors in Ontario," said Allan Halls, HHS vice-president of support services. "Going green has been a shared effort across our hospitals over the last few years. Since 2008, thanks to the conscientious work of our HHS Green Teams, we have successfully incorporated it into how we work, effectively utilize our resources and dispose of our wastes."

Other green initiatives include reusing office supplies and equipment within HHS hospitals and this year Green Team members began participating in local clean-up days at community parks.

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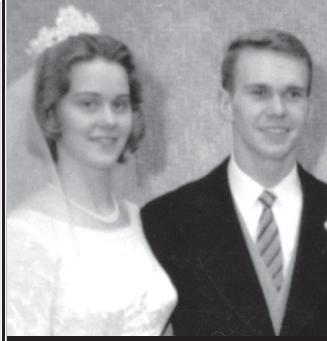


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