

Hospital needs \$2 million to reach fundraising goal



Politicians, hospital officials and celebrities were on hand to toss the first shovels of dirt for the Georgetown Hospital's renovation project Tuesday.

Photo by Ted Brown

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Contractors will start with alterations to the hospital's internal roadways and parking lots required to redirect traffic during construction and regain parking spaces that will be lost due to the expansion. Once the site preparation is complete, work on the new ER will begin.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott thanked the Government of Ontario for coming through with funding for the project and congratulated the community for its efforts in making the project a reality.

"As I've often said, the most eloquent speech in the Legislature touting a community project never amounts to a hill of beans unless the project is a good one, which has a lot of strong community support. The Georgetown Hospital project is a very good one with a lot of strong community support," said Arnott.

The groundbreaking also marked the launch of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's capital campaign 'Investing in Care— Close to Home.'

"The Campaign for Georgetown Hospital is by far the most ambitious fundraising effort ever seen at the hospital," said KC Carruthers, Foundation Executive Director.



KC CARRUTHERS

"Our goal is \$6.5 million which makes Investing in Care— Close to Home the largest single source of funds for the expansion project. We have had incredibly generous support already, with \$4.5 million committed to the project, but \$2 million is still quite a ways to go."

"The Hospital is here for everyone whenever they need us. In turn, we hope that everyone will lend a hand to help us provide them and their loved ones with the best care possible," said Shelley Phipps, a member of the Campaign Cabinet and GHF Board of Directors.

"Whether a donation is the \$1 million given by Fred Helson or the \$120 that Gavin Conroy donated from his 10th birthday, it all adds up and it all makes a difference. We hope everyone will consider a generous donation to this important project at the heart of the Halton Hills community."

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