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ANNUAL MEETING



Halton Healthcare Services Corporation 2011/12 Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Oakville Conference Centre 2515 Wyecroft Road, Oakville

Reception 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

The accomplishments of Long Service Staff and Physicians will be celebrated.

By-law changes will be recommended.

Audited Financial Statements will be available at the meeting or by calling 905-815-5114.

Volunteerism pays off for Scotiabank retiree

By TED BROWN

Staff Writer

Sandra Taskovics likes to volunteer.

And being a retired Scotiabank employee, she has found a great way to not only volunteer for a charitable organization, but also have \$1,000 donated to that same organization as well.

Taskovics worked for Scotiabank for 26 years. She and her husband Steve moved to Georgetown in 1997, and she retired in 1998.

As part of the Scotiabank Bright Future program, Scotiabank donates \$1,000 per year to charitable organizations in which Scotiabank employees and pensioners are active volunteers for a minimum of 50 hours. The donation is available once every 12 months, so volunteers can take advantage of the program.

"The first time I applied to the program, I volunteered for Georgetown Hospital, and they received \$1,000," said Taskovics.

"This year, I volunteered at Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CAShh) during the months of March and April, preparing materials for the campaign, as well as assembling the canvassers' kits.," said Taskovics. "It's fairly easy to volunteer 50 hours— even if one is employed, not retired."

Taskovics chose CAShh as a recipient for a couple of reasons. First, her late husband



Sandra Taskovics (left) presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CAShh) executive director Sheila Smith. *Photo by Ted Brown*

was a driver for CAShh for several years, transporting cancer patients to Toronto for their treatments.

And in 2008, when Steve found he was diagnosed with cancer himself, the volunteer drivers drove him to his treatments.

"Steve drove them; then they drove him," said Taskovics. "I have always been so grateful of the wonderful people who took him for his treatments."

Taskovics lost her soulmate November 12, 2010, but the memory carries on, which is why she is donating the \$1,000 in memory of Steve.

She also hopes others will see if there are programs like Scotiabank's Bright Futures, where employees or pensioners have the same opportunity.

"Ask your employer and see if it's available. Volunteering for 50 hours a year is pretty easy, and if it creates a donation of \$1,000 for the charity as well, then that's even better."

