

# SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

## Halton Healthcare marks Volunteer Week with appreciation events

Halton Healthcare is celebrating 2015 National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 12 - 18) by thanking the more than 1,100 volunteers at its three hospitals and other clinics.

"National Volunteer Appreciation Week is a time to celebrate and recognize the hard work and dedication that our volunteers demonstrate every day in our hospitals," said Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare.

"We would like to extend a huge 'Thank You!' to our volunteers for all their generous service and fundraising contributions."

Several events are being held to honour volunteers who assist Halton Healthcare in many different capacities - directing visitors, assisting at the bedside, preparing materials behind the scenes, running gift shops and other fundraising ventures - for dozens of programs.

"We are very fortunate that so many volunteers share their gift of time and talent with us to help improve the patient experience at our Georgetown, Milton, and Oakville Hospitals," said Sharon Norris, Vice President, Human Resources Planning and Organizational Development.

"This year's theme, 'Volunteers - A Work of Heart,' describes perfectly the contribution the volunteers make. They truly are the heart of our organization."

### SMILE PROGRAM

Volunteers play a key role in Halton Healthcare's innovative SMILE program on the Medicine 4-Centre unit at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Created by a small group of healthcare professionals with backgrounds in nursing, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, the SMILE program relies on volunteers to visit and engage patients who are at risk of delirium and functional decline by spending time with them doing mentally- and physically-stimulating activities. Halton Healthcare hopes to expand the SMILE program to Milton and Georgetown in the near future.

To watch a video about the SMILE program, click here.

### VOLUNTEER FACTS

- Oakville has 825 adult, student and youth volunteers supporting 70 services
- Milton has 288 adult, student and youth volunteers supporting more than 30 services
- Georgetown has 181 adult, student and youth volunteers supporting more than 20 services.

### VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING

In addition to the hundreds of hours volunteers contribute to our hospitals every day, our volunteers raise funds throughout the year from their gift shops, vendor programs, HELPP Lottery, Bingo, 50/50 draws, and special events.

- The Oakville Hospital Volunteer Association

is half-way through their 10-year, \$3 million commitment for NOH.

- The Milton District Hospital Auxiliary donated \$43,000 to the Milton District Hospital Foundation.
- The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association is in the final year of their \$250,000 pledge towards the Georgetown Hospital expansion.

"We couldn't have done so much this year without the kindness and generosity of this extraordinary group of people," added Ms Norris. "Our Volunteers' unique gifts continue to enhance the care of our patients, families and visitors, as integral members of our healthcare team."

For more information on Volunteer Appreciation Week activities at Halton Healthcare, visit: [haltonhealthcare.on.ca/become-a-volunteer/volunteer-appreciation-week.html](http://haltonhealthcare.on.ca/become-a-volunteer/volunteer-appreciation-week.html).


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[www.willowparkecology.ca](http://www.willowparkecology.ca)

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See website:  
Special Days and Programs

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at the centre of it all

Happy National Volunteers Week!!

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- Board Members
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- Office Outreach

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### United Way of Halton Hills

Thank you to our many Volunteers... without you, there would be no Way!

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Please remember to give where you live!



"Volunteers do not have more time, they just have more heart."  
ANONYMOUS

**thank you**

To all the volunteers who make a difference in the lives of Halton students.

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Week



## Halton youth can change the world

By Shannon Kitchings  
Volunteer Halton

In an age of selfies it is more important than ever to take a moment to think about someone other than yourself. More than a moment, in fact. This year, Ontario students will rise to the challenge for six weeks, kicking off with National Volunteer Week April 12-18. The 2015 ChangeTheWorld campaign, April 12 to May 24, is an Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge, a joint initiative between the Ontario Volunteer Centre Network (OVCN) and the Government of Ontario to inspire high school students to give back to their community. Students from different schools, neighbourhoods, and backgrounds will share their passion in dozens of community projects. Volunteer Halton, our lo-

cal volunteer centre, is committed to working with students to realize their vision of better communities. We support youth as they think outside the box to find ways to contribute that are beyond the traditional volunteer roles and capitalize on the skills and interests of high school students today.

ChangeTheWorld is an opportunity to provide a vital connection between students and the world around them. Last year 3,263 youth volunteered a minimum of 3 hours each in over 30 events across Halton to a total of 12,238 hours. This year Volunteer Halton invites all youth between the ages of 14-18 to look around and choose a way you can make a difference, big or small, in your neighbourhood. If you need some ideas visit our website at [www.volunteerhalton.ca](http://www.volunteerhalton.ca).

### National Volunteer Week

April 12-18, 2015 To all Halton Hills volunteers



**THANK YOU**  
for your tremendous contribution!

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