

HALTON HEALTHCARE NAMED ONE OF MOST ADMIRED CORPORATE CULTURES

The health-care organization that operates hospitals in Milton, Oakville and Georgetown is receiving national recognition. Halton Healthcare is among the 2021 recipients of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures Award in the broader public sector category. The national program by Waterstone Human Capital recognizes Canadian organizations for cultivating high-performance corporate cultures that also help sustain a competitive advantage.

"This exemplary achievement brings with it a true sense of pride and accomplishment," said Halton Healthcare chief of staff Dr. David McConachie. "We are proud of our culture and our people who keep it alive and thriving."

The award is based on an



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evaluation of Halton Healthcare's corporate culture over the past three years, including vision, leadership, individual and organization performance, corporate social responsibility and more.

"Our organizational culture is built on our core values of compassion, accountability and respect, allowing us to create a workplace focused on inclusion, high-performance and recogni-

tion," said Halton Healthcare president and chief executive Denise Hardenne.

Halton Healthcare is one of 10 organizations receiving the award in the broader public sector category. Past recipients include the Ottawa Hospital, Michael Garron Hospital, CAMH and Holland Bloorview.

"Each of the 2021 award recipients puts culture at the centre of everything they do, and demonstrates a commitment to culture as competitive advantage," said Marty Parker, president and CEO of Waterstone Human Capital. "They set an excellent example of how crafting and sustaining a high-performance culture can drive incredible growth and performance."

Halton Healthcare will accept the award at a celebration on March 31, 2022.



Trista Donnelly, owner and Margeaux Lane

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"We are seeing some of our first customers coming back to buy for their grandchildren," says Trista.

For little ones there are familiar quality brands like Lamaze, 4M, Haba, Creativity for Kids, Playmobil and Schleich. The expanded product lines featured Calico Critters, Hape Toys, Lego, and Folkmanis puppets and more recently has grown again to include a "great selection of adult games and puzzles".

"Our knowledgeable staff are always willing to help customers find that perfect gift," says Trista.

Providing a helping hand during the busy holiday season, Squirt's Toys offers free bagging for presents and for those challenging recipients on your list, gift cards are available in any denomination.

"Last year we opened Puzzles Canada online and later this month (November) it will be open for walk-in retail," Trista reveals.

Since re-opening after being closed to walk-in customers, Trista and her staff are happy to see "the kids coming back into our store and being excited about what we have". They are inspired by seeing adults coming into the store, knowing that they can get help.

According to Trista, one of the rewards of operating a well-established and successful shop is watching happy customers walk out and knowing that they will be back again.

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