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Foot care clinic set to open February 2 in Georgetown

By Wendy Long

A former director of nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton is opening a foot care clinic in Georgetown.

Isabel Brown, R.N., will open her clinic called Feet First: Primary Foot Health Care Feb. 2. The clinic will be located in the back of Carol's Hair and Beauty Shop on

Brown accepted early retirement from St. Joseph's in March of last year after 38 years in nursing and was looking for a new direction. "I wasn't ready to stay home and do nothing," she said in an interview.

Brown thus enrolled in an advanced foot care course at Sheridan College for nurses only, and graduated with first class honors last fall. She and a friend purchased the Georgetown salon (Brown has been a Georgetown resident for 11 years) in the summer as an investment. Brown hopes to be busy in her foot care practice for several years.

Those who will use her service include people with diabetes mellitus, arthritis, corns, calluses, even hard skin. Often the elderly cannot care properly for their feet, said Brown, and eventually this may stop them from getting around and lead them to become shut-ins.

Brown feels her five years of research at Baycrest Geriatric Centre has given her much experience in working with older people. "Many of them had problems with their feet," she said.

She also welcomes anyone, young or old, that find it difficult to care for their own feet or have various other foot problems.

Brown will charge \$25 per hour, \$13 per half hour.

"The initial assessment will probably be an hour," Brown said. 'We'll come up with a plan of care



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Brown feels that there is a need for a foot care clinic in Georgetown. Often citizens with regular foot care needs are forced to drive into Brampton or Mississauga.

Brown said women are especially vulnerable to foot problems because of high heels. "Let's face it, it's social pressure," she said, adding that most women in administrative positions don't wear flats because heels are a part of the stereotypical business profile.

"My background is people," Brown said. "Nursing is people. I like people and it allowed me to go into semi-independent practice with my own client base. I have a lot of experience, a lot to offer people."

Feet First will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8

Special appointments can be made as well. If someone is housebound, Brown will make home visits by special arrangement. For information, call 877—2981.



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