

# Your Health



Halton Healthcare

## NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

### Vice-President of Redevelopment

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) welcomes Bill Bailey as Vice-President, Redevelopment. Bill comes to HHS after eighteen years in the Ontario Public Sector, where he worked extensively in the field of strategic capital investment planning, funding policy development, and capital program design and implementation. Bill was with the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) since 2001, most recently as the Director, Capital Planning and Strategies Branch. In this capacity, he worked closely with the Health Reform Implementation Team, the Regional Ministry offices and the program staff in reviewing and approving hospital redevelopment plans. Mr. Bailey also worked closely with the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal to develop Alternative Financing and Procurement strategic objectives.



**BILL BAILEY**

As Vice-President, Redevelopment, Bill will have executive responsibility for the planning and implementation of the new Oakville Hospital. He will be responsible for establishing the HHS Redevelopment Project Office which, in addition to the work associated with the new Hospital, will oversee capital improvement and renovations, as well as the implementation of 'coping' strategies at the existing three hospitals.

"Bill has been involved with many of the hospital projects currently underway in Ontario and brings a strong working knowledge of the processes that we will be participating in as the new hospital project moves along," notes John Oliver, HHS President and CEO. "Bill's knowledge and familiarity with the new health capital policies and alternative funding and procurement strategies will be beneficial to our organization as we embark on this very exciting project."

### 16th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

Twinkling lights, hot chocolate, carol singing, a visit from Santa Claus and much more await you at the 16th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Georgetown Hospital. This fun-filled family event is scheduled to take place in the Hospital courtyard on Tuesday, December 5th with the activities beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Carol singing will be led by community choirs and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to visit with the children and their families. A magic show will amaze you and the lighting of the tree will put a sparkle in your eye.



Hot chocolate and treats will be available, as will pictures with Santa Claus. As an extra treat this year families can purchase a personalized book made by Create-A-Book, where your child is the star of the story. Parking will be free for those attending the event.

This popular community event is sure to be an evening you won't want to miss, so bundle up the family and join us at Georgetown Hospital on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. for the festivities of the 16th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. For more information please call 905-873-0111, ext. 8239.

### Holiday Appeal Supports Georgetown Hospital

Check your mailbox this week for a special something from your community Hospital. The Georgetown Hospital Foundation's Holiday Appeal was launched this week with the distribution of bright red envelopes and a request for your continued support. Enclosed in the envelopes you'll find a holiday card that we hope you'll take a minute to fill out and send back to the Hospital. These wonderful holiday messages for the patients, staff, physicians and volunteers at the Hospital will be proudly displayed in the Lobby throughout the holiday season.



This will be the first Christmas Campaign launched by the new Georgetown Hospital Foundation which was re-established following the January 2, 2006 transfer of Georgetown Hospital from William Osler to Halton Healthcare Services.

"We are very encouraged by the support we have received from the community," said Georgetown Hospital Foundation Executive Director K.C. Carruthers. "It's great to have the Foundation back to support the ongoing needs of our community Hospital. We really have something to celebrate this Christmas."

If you've misplaced your bright red envelope but still want to donate to the Hospital you can do it online. Donations to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's Holiday Appeal may be made through the Foundation's website – [www.GeorgetownHospitalFoundation.ca](http://www.GeorgetownHospitalFoundation.ca) - just click on the Donate Now! button.

For more information please call the Georgetown Hospital Foundation at 905-873-4599.

### Thinking of Volunteering?

There is no greater gift than time. Looking for a new challenge in the new year? Have you ever considered volunteering at your community hospital? The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association has a variety of volunteer opportunities available for men, women and youth 14 years of age and up.

Hospital volunteers touch the lives of our patients and visitors by helping them throughout the hospital. A number of hospital programs and services benefit from the time, talents and energy shared by our volunteer teams working in both direct patient care and behind the scenes.

If you are interested in joining our team, please call the Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association at 905-873-0111, extension 8153, write to us at [jcowan@haltonhealthcare.on.ca](mailto:jcowan@haltonhealthcare.on.ca) or check out our web site at [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com).

### Be Prepared...for the flu

Flu season has arrived. We encourage you to check with your doctor's office about receiving a flu shot or attend one of the free vaccination clinics offered by the Halton Region Health Department. Find the clinic that's most convenient for you by logging onto their web site at [www.halton.ca/health](http://www.halton.ca/health).

During the flu season, please be aware of the risk to patients in the hospital and do not visit if you are ill or feeling unwell. When you do visit, please remember to wash your hands thoroughly at the convenient handwashing stations throughout the hospital. Washing your hands is one of the best ways to avoid getting the flu!

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