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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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HOSPITAL

FINAL HOSPITAL RESTRUCTURING REPORT A POSITIVE ONE

The final report of the Health Services Restructuring Commission on the GTA/905 area was released on Monday, April 27th. Overall, it's a very positive report for Milton and Oakville, the two communities to be served by the East Halton Hospital Corporation (EHC) the working title for the new amalgamated hospital comprised of MDH and OTMH.

In its final report, the Restructuring Commission:

- confirmed the amalgamation of MDH with OTMH. An amalgamation plan is to be completed by May 31st and our two hospitals will become one on August 1st of this year. The Commission acknowledged the progress being made on our amalgamation planning.
- Confirmed that MDH will continue to provide acute and chronic in-patient care as well as out-patient services. A new level of care called "sub-acute care" will be provided at both MDH (5 beds) and OTMH (19) beds in the future.
- Preserved maternal, newborn and paediatric services. MDH will continue low risk (Level I) obstetrics program, while OTMH will continue Level II obstetrical and paediatrics.
- Provided for additional inpatient beds at the OTMH site in Rehabilitation, Chronic Care, as well as Adult and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry.
- Identified the need for 55 additional acute care beds between our two sites by the year 2003 due to population growth in our communities.
- Retained aggressive efficiency targets that will impact on the number of inpatient beds available at both sites. However, the Commission has acknowledged bed reductions and resulting budget savings may not be achievable until such time as investments are in place in community support services.



ANNUAL WELLNESS FAIR A BIG HIT

Judy Collins, MDH Emergency RN, tests blood type for a member of the public attending the Wellness Fair on April 4th, 1998.

MDH CELEBRATES NATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY WEEK



The Physiotherapy Department celebrated National Physiotherapy Week April 19th to 25th with an Open House. Therapists demonstrated exercises and equipment. Physiotherapy students from McMaster University are shown using the Swiss Exercise Ball.

HEALTH CARE OFFICE - OTMH

The Ministry of Health has recently established a Health Care office at the OTMH. Any individual needing a new or replacement health card can make an appointment by calling (905) 338-0792. This office is a more local alternative to visiting the next closest Health Care office in Mississauga.

FOUNDATION



HIKE FOR HEALTH will be here on **Sunday, May 31st**. Grab your running shoes, walking shoes or inline skates and join us for a GREAT time. Check out the entry forms for the terrific pledge level prizes. For more information contact Donna at 878-2383 Ext. 2170.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

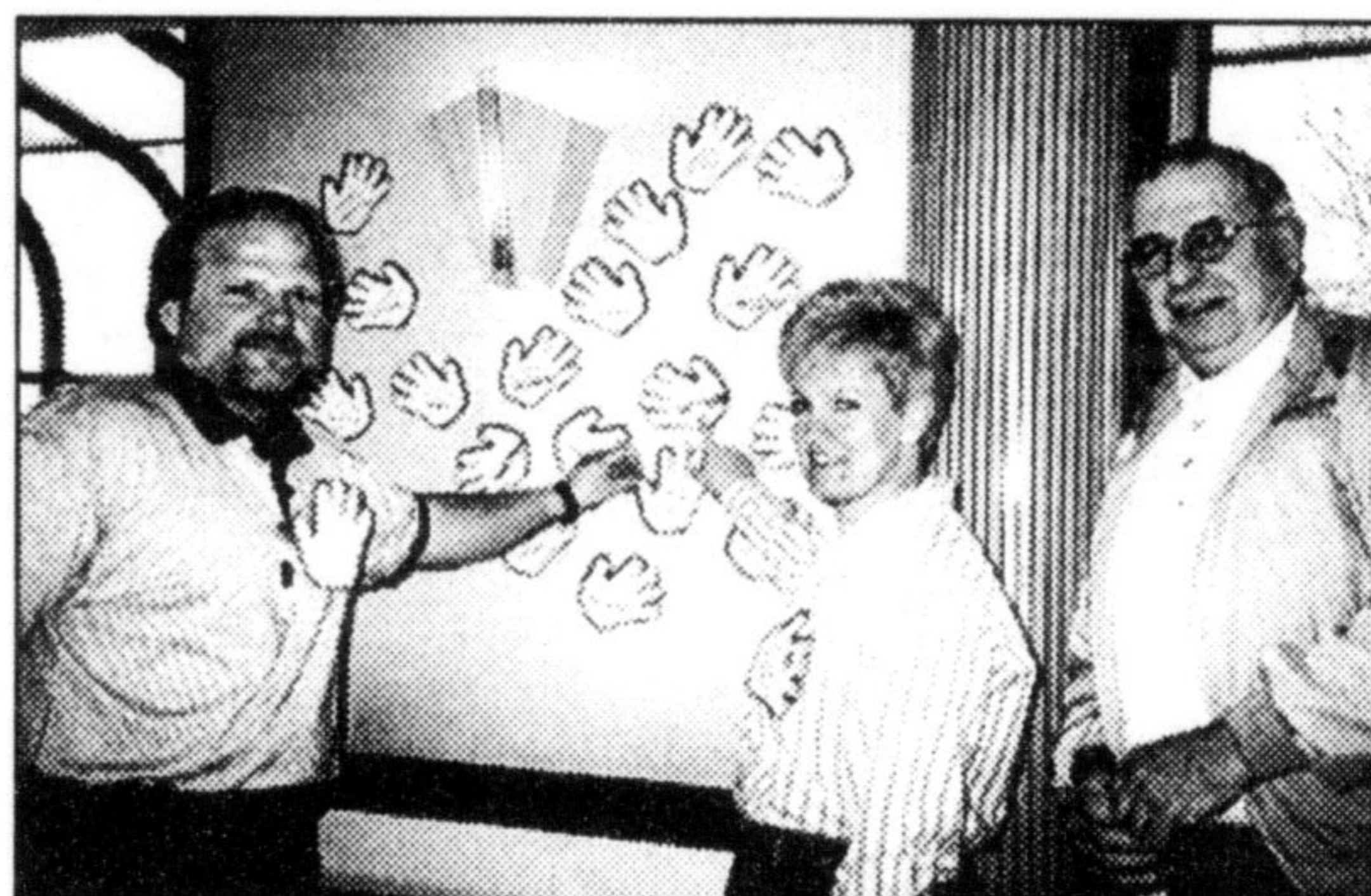
The community of Milton generously supports the Foundation each and every day throughout the year. Please mark your calendars for the following great fundraisers!

May 2nd - Halton Sportsmen's 18th Annual Charity Breakfast at the Club House, 5155 Steeles Ave. 6 a.m. to noon. Please remember to purchase your ticket for a chance to win the great BBQ donated by Superior Propane.

May 6th - Milton McDonald's McHappy Day - \$1.00 from each Big Mac will be donated to the McHappy Day fund* and will help MDH reach its goal of purchasing an Autoacoustic Emission Testing System which will test the hearing of each and every newborn baby. Visit McDonald's on May 6th and help our dream become a reality!

* 75% of the proceeds will be donated to the MDH Foundation.

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McDonald's Fun Fundraising Day held April 15th. Left to right John Tarnawsky, MDH Plant Manager, Mary Devlin, MDHF Board Member and Tom Logie, MDHF Board Vice Chair standing in front of the helping hands which sell for \$1.00 each.

May 13th First Hospital BBQ of the season! On the grounds of MDH between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Great food at the rock bottom price of \$5.00 per person!

May 23rd - The Milton Meat Shop and Sargent Farms BBQ Catering will be holding a delicious BBQ on the grounds of the **Milton Meat Shop** at 342 Bronte St. S. Just drop in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and have a delicious sausage or hamburger on a bun accompanied by your choice of pop for only \$3.00. Remember to visit either store for the great in store specials.



Milton SKD Oldstars Hockey Team financed a surface Electro Myography (EMG) for MDH's Rehabilitation Services Dept. Back row left to right - Olstar members Glenn Turner, Joe Auger, Bob Lee, Peter McCuaig and Brian Brady. Front row left to right - Rehab Manager, Helen McKay and MDHF Board Vice Chair, Tom Logie.

FLOWERS AND MORE FLOWERS....



Thanks to Sardenall Greenhouses the MDHF will be holding a flower sale just in time for Mother's Day. Visit the Hospital on May 8th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 9th from 9 a.m. to noon and purchase Mom's special gift. This event will be followed by a bedding plant sale which will run from May 13th to May 16th.

The quality of these annual flowers is A-1 and they will certainly add beauty to your garden throughout the summer.

AUXILIARY

MOTHER'S DAY ...

will be here on Sunday, May 10th. Drop into the MDH Gift Shop and buy a very special gift for a very special mother. Remember the Gift Shop is always GST free!



MDH Auxiliary Members displaying a few of the beautiful pieces of nightwear available in the MDH Gift Shop.

REMEMBER....

to visit the Hospital on Saturday, May 2nd and pick up your special treasure at bargain prices at the Garage Sale. It will run 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lots of wonderful items and great finds! Remember all proceeds will go to the MDH Auxiliary.

THANKS TO YOU, Peggy's of Milton and the Trafalgar Golf & Country Club - the Fashion Show held on April 5th raised over \$6,000. This is an annual event and will be held again next year. Come on out and join us - we guarantee you a great time!

A 'BERRY' SPECIAL EVENT

will soon be here! The **Strawberry Fair** will be held on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. Read this page over the next two months for all the exciting details. ** Remember - the MDH Foundation will again be offering those berry delicious non alcoholic strawberry daiquiris.



MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Quality Care for a Healthier Community.