



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Hospital foundation needs your support

Dear Editor:

I was in attendance at a recent meeting held at the Optimist Centre on Friday, June 12 regarding the changes taking place at the Milton District Hospital in its amalgamation with Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

In response to questions from the floor, it was pointed out by hospital administrator Allan Halls that funds raised by the Milton District Hospital Foundation will stay in Milton.

However, there are rumors in some circles in town that funds raised here will all go to Oakville and, as a result, some local people and groups will no longer want to donate funds to the hospital.

I would like to set the record straight for the misinformed.

The Milton District Hospital Foundation is not directly involved in the amalgamation of the two hospitals, but is a separate entity. The foundation is a federally chartered non-profit corporation founded in 1980 with the purpose of raising funds for the hospital, and it enjoys exceptional support from the community at large. It will continue to do this for as long as we have a hospital site in Milton.

That is not to say that we would not in the future join in with the Oakville Trafalgar Charitable Corp. in funding projects of mutual benefit to both of our sites, just as we did for the recent MRI project with Joseph Brant hospital in Burlington and Oakville hospital.

The funds raised over the years have gone toward the purchase of new equipment or updating aging equipment with

the latest technology. The average person on the street is under the impression that the government provides most of the equipment used in the hospital. This is also false. The equipment is purchased with funds raised by the foundation and auxiliary as well as from the hospital's capital reserve fund.

Without continued support from the citizens of Milton we will not be able to keep up with the future needs of our hospital. In 1985, our hospital underwent an expansion and new equipment was obtained. Since then, 13 years has passed and some of it

now needs replacing.

To all Miltonians: the hospital foundation needs your support now more than ever. Don't let some false rumors sway you into not supporting your community hospital. Remember it's your hospital.

The foundation is made up of dedicated Miltonians who give their time and energy for a cause close to their heart. The strength of the foundation, however, is the citizens of Milton. We need your continued support.

**T.J. Logie, vice-chair
Milton District Hospital Foundation**

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