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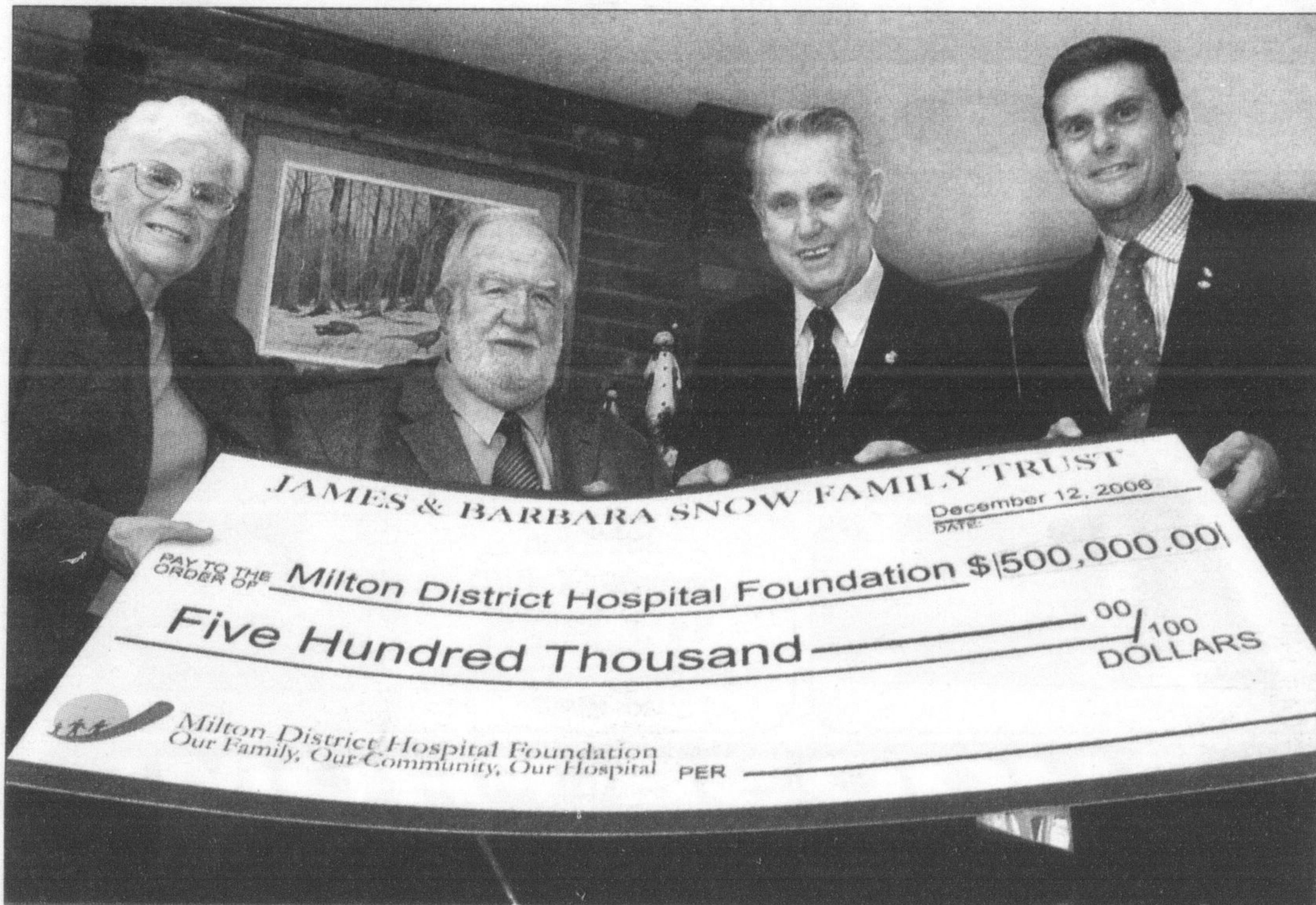
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Hospital half a million closer to CT scanner



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BIG BOOST: Long-time Milton residents James (second from left) and Barbara Snow hand over a cheque for \$500,000 to the Milton District Hospital Foundation's CT Scanner Campaign Tuesday afternoon. On hand to accept the cheque and offer their thanks are Halton Healthcare Services president and CEO John Oliver (right) and Mayor Gord Krantz. The donation is the largest ever made by an individual to the hospital. The scanner will be housed in a new annex that'll bear the family's name. Read about more donations on page A11.

Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund slowly rising, but time running out

It seems Miltonians are responding to The Champion's pleas for help.

Since Thursday, \$5,200 in donations has been made to the Christmas Bureau Fund for the Milton Salvation Army.

That brings the total to \$13,715.86. The goal this year is \$25,000.

Organizer Sheena Cameron, who has been at the helm of the drive for about 25 years now, said it's heartening to see people

responding.

"It's been really good," she said.

The largest individual donation so far came in this week, and was for \$1,200.

Money goes toward turkey dinners with all the trimmings for needy families in town, with the hope that no family will go without a delicious Christmas meal.

Residents have also been generously dropping off toys at

the Champion.

Non-perishable food items have been slower to come in, Cameron reported.

Residents can drop off monetary donations, new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items at the office of The Champion, 875 Main St. E., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Donations will be collected until Thursday.

James and Barbara Snow make largest ever personal donation to Milton hospital

By **Stephanie Thiessen**
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Half-a-million dollars has been donated to the Milton District Hospital Foundation's CT Scanner Campaign, the largest personal gift in the history of the hospital.

Long-time Milton residents James and Barbara Snow presented the cheque in a ceremony at their rural Milton home Tuesday afternoon in a room overlooking the Niagara Escarpment.

"We're so happy to be able to make this contribution to assist the CT campaign and maybe hurry it along a bit," James said. Added Barbara: "This is just another thing we could do to help the community."

About \$3.5 million is needed for the CT scanner, as well as the renewal of the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Milton District Hospital (MDH).

So far, just over \$2 million — including the Snows' donation — has been raised for the project, which is scheduled to be completed next fall.

This project involves the addition of an annex to expand the department and house mammography, bone mineral densitometry and ultrasound services.

The annex is expected to commence in February, and will be named the James and Barbara Snow Family Trust Diagnostic Imaging Annex.

Every year, about 2,900 Miltonians must leave town to go to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for the use of a CT scanner, which takes two-dimensional x-ray images.

The cheque presentation brought together representatives from Halton Healthcare Services (HHS), the MDH Foundation and the Town of Milton.

"Mr. and Mrs. Snow, your generosity is an inspiration to others," said Kim Mason, president of the MDH Foundation and co-chair of the CT

Scanner Campaign along with her brother, Brent Richardson. "With your help and with the support of the rest of the community, we will bring CT to MDH by the fall of next year."

John Oliver, HHS president and CEO, said making room for the new scanner provides the opportunity to reconfigure the entire department into a "more functional layout," which will give patients more privacy. "As the largest personal gift to MDH Foundation and the campaign, it will revitalize our hospital so we can continue to grow with the needs of our rapidly expanding community."

Mayor Gord Krantz, honorary chair of the CT Scanner Campaign, also thanked the Snows for their donation.

"It's efforts such as this that make Milton the community it is," he said.

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