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Tina Braam (right) visits with Bonlyn McEgan. Braam has been a volunteer visitor with Acclaim Health in Halton for several years. *Submitted photo*

## Volunteers giving back to community

**By Julie Slack**  
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Saying no can be tough for two Milton sisters who like to give back to their community. Tina Braam is a friendly visitor with Acclaim Health in Halton. Each week, she spends at least an hour visiting with her client, Bonlyn McEgan, a senior who looks forward to her visits and sometimes even the sweet potato

fries Braam brings to her. Braam said she's paying forward the kindness that was shown to her and her husband when he was battling Parkinson's-related dementia a few years ago. "Someone came to my house for two years," she said. "My husband couldn't be left alone, so one evening a week, I had a volunteer. "At the time, I knew that I could be doing some sort of volunteering in a similar way"

## SPECIAL REPORT: Georgetown hospital reno in homestretch

*Halton Hospitals: Building our Health Care is a special Metroland Media West four-part project that explores the need for, status and funding of numerous hospital expansion/construction projects in Halton's four municipalities — Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown. Here, the final part of the series looks at Georgetown Hospital.*

**By Lisa Tallyn**  
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Georgetown Hospital is in the homestretch of a \$14.2 million construction/renovation project that has tripled the size of its emergency department (ED). The final phase of the project — the housing of a larger, centralized diagnostic imaging department within emergency — is currently underway with completion slated for May.

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