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Halton Healthcare Mourns the Loss of Long-time Executive Director, Lillian (Joy) Parsons

(Oakville, ON) December 26, 2015 – Halton Healthcare announced today that former Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) Executive Director, Miss Lillian H. (Joy) Parsons passed away on Friday, December 25, 2015.

Miss Parsons began her career in Oakville after nursing training at St. Joseph's Hospital in London and graduate work in the United States. She took on the role of Obstetrical Supervisor at Oakville's temporary hospital on First Street in 1949. Over the years she held more responsibilities and became Executive Director of the newly built OTMH, a post she held for 36 years. Miss Parsons retired in 1987 but remained a tireless advocate both for OTMH and for healthcare in Oakville.

On the occasion of her retirement, OTMH established the Lillian H. Parsons Bursary. This fund provides annual bursaries to assist children of OTMH staff with their post-secondary education. To-date, over \$200,000 in bursaries have been awarded. Miss Parsons was actively involved in the evaluation of the applications and attended the Hospital's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony to personally congratulate each recipient.

The flags at OTMH have been lowered to half-mast to honour Miss Parsons.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Turner and Porter (Peel Chapel) 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 1M8. Phone 905-279-7663. In lieu of flowers the

family has asked for donations to be made to the Oakville Hospital Foundation Nursing Education Fund.

Quote:

We are deeply saddened by the loss of a towering figure in our organization's history. For almost four decades Miss Parsons was the guiding light of Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, ensuring our community got the healthcare it needed and deserved. With her passing we have lost her presence but not her vision, which continues to inspire our entire organization. We will honour her memory through our continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community. We extend our sincerest condolences to her friends and family during this difficult time.

Denise Hardenne
President & CEO
Halton Healthcare

About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a regional healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 325,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com. Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare.

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