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### **\$1.5 million donation makes new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit a reality for Trillium Health Partners**

*New space inspired by nature – wood, water, light and stone*

**MISSISSAUGA (June 20, 2013)** – Yesterday, Trillium Health Partners unveiled its new, 6,200 sq. ft. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) located in the Mississauga Hospital. The state-of-the-art space, which provides the ultimate in safety, comfort and privacy, was made possible by local businessman and philanthropist, Peter Gilgan, who donated \$1.5 million towards the NICU, kick-starting the \$4-million project.

“I’m honored to be able to help bring this new space to Trillium Health Partners’ Mississauga Hospital,” says Peter Gilgan, Founder & CEO of Mattamy Homes. “Along with the incredible hospital staff, the new NICU will ensure the smallest and most fragile patients have the best possible start in life with access to the highest quality of care, in a calm and healing environment.”

This unique and modern space is filled with colours and architectural elements inspired by nature – wood, water, light and stone. A large skylight and oversized windows flood the space with natural light and artwork and floors, which resemble hardwood, creating a comforting and soothing space for families. The new space supports the developmental needs of the most fragile patients while giving families access to amenities that include a washer and dryer, kitchenette, family lounge and shower.

Grateful families – like the Haq and Perrotta family, who spent time in the old NICU – were invited to the unveiling and had the opportunity to tour the new space.

“My wife and I are deeply grateful to the incredible staff at Trillium Health Partners and for the care they provided our twins,” says Dr. Nino Perrotta, grateful parent. “The old space lacked privacy and the ability for parents to stay overnight. This new space is truly incredible – a pull-out bed in every room, as well as access to comforting home features will go a long way in helping parents care for and bond with their newborns, while they receive the specialized attention they need.”

Trillium Health Partners delivers over 9,000 babies a year and provides families with comprehensive care and education so newborns get a healthy start in life.

“Trillium Health Partners is committed to providing the highest quality of care and an exceptional patient experience. The new NICU makes it a little bit easier for patients and their families to receive the right care when they need it, close to home,” says Michelle DiEmanuele, President & CEO of Trillium Health Partners. “The space is a beautiful, soothing environment that directly addresses the unique needs of newborns and their families.”

“We are extremely grateful to Mr. Gilgan for his long-standing support and for making this new space possible. His leadership and incredible generosity will have a significant impact on families for many years to come,” says Steve Hoscheit, Shared President & CEO, The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation and Trillium Health Centre Foundation. “Mississauga Hospital’s new NICU is just one example of how our community has come together to enhance our patient care spaces and equipment – and supports Trillium Health Partners’ mission of creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community.”

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**PHOTOS:**



***Generous donor, Peter Gilgan, Founder & CEO of Mattamy Homes, donated \$1.5 million towards the NICU, kick-starting the \$4-million project.***



***The new state-of-the-art space provides the ultimate in safety, comfort and privacy – making it feel less like a hospital and more like home.***



***Trillium Health Partners NICU team in the new space.***



***Grateful parents, Ron and Rubina Haq, celebrated the official unveiling yesterday with their daughter Salma, who spent 52 days in the old NICU space.***

***Higher resolution of these photos are available upon request.***

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## **About Trillium Health Centre Foundation**

A proud supporter of Trillium Health Partners, Trillium Health Centre Foundation inspires the community to invest in essential priorities at the Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre sites. Giving 110%, the largest campaign in the hospital's history, is inspired by Trillium staff, physicians, donors and volunteers who go above and beyond to provide quality health care. Community support will help the Foundation raise its goal of \$110 million for patient care spaces, equipment, technology, research and education at Trillium. Visit [www.trilliumgiving.ca](http://www.trilliumgiving.ca).

## **About Trillium Health Partners**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners delivers a range of highly specialized regional programs including Cardiovascular, Maternal-Child, Oncology, Renal Dialysis, Clinical Genetics, Seniors' Health, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence, and Stroke & Neurosciences. As regional leaders in the delivery of these programs, Trillium Health Partners is able to provide the highest level of specialized care to its patients right in their own community. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto.

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