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## **TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS RECOGNIZED FOR MIDWIFERY SERVICES**

(Mississauga, ON) – Yesterday, Trillium Health Partners was one of two Ontario hospitals to win the first-ever Hospital Integration Award by the Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) for successfully integrating midwifery into the organization.

“Being recognized by the AOM for our midwifery services is well deserved,” says Alison Quigley, Associate Vice President, Patient Care Services. “For the past 20 years, the team of qualified and caring midwives at Trillium Health Partners has worked hard to develop strong relationships with our physicians, nurses and other members of the inter-professional team to provide families with more choices about their maternal and newborn care.”

The award criteria is based on the hospital’s development of equitable and accessible midwifery care that ensures an adequate number of midwifery births. In addition, Trillium Health Partners received top marks for developing protocols to involve midwives in the planning, policy development, and decision-making about maternity care in partnership with other maternity care providers.

There are 21 midwives who serve over 600 patients a year at Trillium Health Partners. Head midwife, Remi Ejiwunmi says the demand is growing because midwifery is a proven service that results in excellent outcomes, quality care and high levels of patient satisfaction.

“The philosophy behind midwifery is to provide the patient with all of the information they need to make their own choices and decisions. Midwives facilitate the care and are available to provide support to each patient 24 hours a day, seven days per week.”

Ejiwunmi adds, “Trillium Health Partners’ practice is based on teamwork and dedication to providing patient centered care and I’m very pleased the hospital has been recognized for the great work it has done to integrate us into a team of skilled and caring professionals.”

Midwives have had privileges at Trillium Health Partners since 1994. Dr. Peter Scheufler, Chief and Medical Director, Women’s Health, Trillium Health Partners has watched the midwifery practice grow since its inception.

“The process of integrating midwives into the hospital was thoughtfully done,” he says. “The key elements of its success are the mutually respectful relationships among the clinical teams with the drive to ensure the highest quality of care for our patients.”

**About Trillium Health Partners:**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based academically affiliated acute care facilities in Canada, serving the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities.

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