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Teamwork and collaboration recognized at Trillium Health Partners

(Mississauga, ON) – Interprofessional staff at Trillium Health Partners were recognized for their contributions to high quality patient care from May 20 – 23 in the first annual, *Interprofessional Week* under the theme, *Better Together through Teamwork and Collaboration*. Interprofessional staff includes physicians, nurses and over 40 different professions who work together to ensure patients receive quality care.

“At Trillium Health Partners, we believe that health care can be transformed through collaboration,” says Kathryn Hayward-Murray, Trillium Health Partners’ Chief Nursing Executive. “To acknowledge the importance of teamwork, we introduced our Better Together Awards, which focus on those individuals and teams who not only demonstrate but lead the advancement of collaborative practice in our organization. We truly are, Better Together.”

Interprofessional Week began with an opening ceremony and award presentations, where individuals and clinical teams were recognized for exceptional collaboration. Awards were presented to those who showed courage and innovation in delivering exceptional patient care. Members of the winning health care teams showed appreciation, encouraged different perspectives, shared their knowledge and consistently modeled respectful behaviour. Through their collaborative practice they focused on improving health outcomes to positively impact patients and their families.

Over 52 awards were handed out to recognize excellent contributions to patient care.

The Allied Health Professional of the Year Award was presented to dietician, Heidi Nixdorf for her work in maintaining a high standard of nutritional care in the ICU, that has resulted in faster patient recovery.

The Physician of the Year Award went to Dr. Margaret Grant for her work with seniors and rehabilitation. Dr. Grant was recognized for her exemplary leadership skills in bringing teams of health care professionals together to develop studies and pilot projects that can help improve patient care.

The week concluded with the presentation of the Quality through Collaboration award, which recognized a team that demonstrated outstanding collaborative practice at Trillium Health Partners.

The winner of this award was the Falls Prevention Team that demonstrated outstanding collaborative practice resulting in a reduction of falls. The Falls Prevention Team's philosophy that "*it takes a village*" to prevent falls is the cornerstone of their collaborative endeavour and key to their success.

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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