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TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS RECEIVES LARGEST DONATION IN CANADIAN HISTORY FROM MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Historic pledge of \$5 million to help expand and redevelop Mississauga Hospital

Mississauga, On (August 19, 2020) – In a record-breaking pledge, the Muslim community has announced \$5 million to support the future redevelopment and expansion of Mississauga Hospital, one of three sites that together comprise Trillium Health Partners (THP), as part of THP's broader redevelopment plan. Individuals, corporations, mosques and community associations from the Muslim community have a long history of giving back to THP and other health care institutions across the country. Today's announcement marks the largest gift to a hospital by the Muslim community in Canadian history.

Philanthropic support will be an essential component of financing THP's future redevelopment project. This gift, led and organized by THP Foundation board member Abdul Qayyum Mufti and his closest friends and business associates, Nadeem Chaudhry and Atta Qureshi, shows the Muslim community's commitment to its faith and the long-term health of the city and the region.

"I want to thank Abdul Qayyum Mufti and the Muslim community for showing the true Ontario spirit in making this generous contribution to support our frontline heroes at Trillium Health Partners," said the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. "Our strength as a province and as a people comes from our diversity and shared values, and it's needed now more than ever. By having each other's backs, we can get through these extraordinary times."

"I want to thank Mississauga's Muslim community for once again stepping up to show how much they care about our city. Their generosity never wavers, and this is yet another example of the true spirit of Mississauga. This historic pledge will help THP get one step closer to building a new and modern hospital that will care for our growing, diverse and ageing population," remarked Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

THP the largest community-based acute care facility in Canada, with over 1.75 million patient visits last year, including some of the top numbers for births, surgeries and emergency visits. Over the next 20 years, THP will experience more demand for care than any other hospital in the province, as the area population continues to grow, with the number of seniors set to triple in just over 10 years.

"A redeveloped and expanded Mississauga Hospital is key to our ability to create a new kind of health care for a healthier community, ensuring we can continue to offer care with innovation, compassion and excellence. To our friends in the Muslim community, we extend a huge thank you for this most generous gift," said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO of THP.

Caroline Riseboro, President and CEO of the THP Foundation, commented, "This momentous gift reflects the power of philanthropy in the most diverse city and region in Ontario. Thank you so much to the Muslim community for leading the way with this landmark gift to the new Mississauga Hospital."

THP cared for one of the highest volumes of COVID-19 patients in the province, but had to overcome the limits of its Mississauga Hospital site, which opened in 1958 before today's more rigorous hospital building codes. A new kind of health care requires bold new infrastructure and state-of-the-art technology within a more complete, efficient and inclusive system. To help achieve that vision, the larger, modern Mississauga Hospital will boast significantly more capacity to care for patients while reflecting the best of today's standards. The hospital's expanded emergency, surgical and ICU capacity will ensure THP can continue to provide high quality, accessible and sustainable care in the face of rising demand.

"How we look after those in need of health care is a measure of our commitment to each other. The Muslim community is proud to make this gift to the people of Mississauga and Peel, and we encourage all members of the community, across Canada and beyond, to contribute to this extraordinary project," said Abdul Qayyum Mufti. "Charity is at the heart of our faith. One of the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says *You are not a believer if you sleep with your stomach filled while your neighbour goes hungry*. We are thrilled that the Muslim community will be recognized by the hospital for this gift inspired by the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)."

To make a donation towards this historic project, visit: trilliumgiving.ca/mc.

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About Trillium Health Partners

Trillium Health Partners is the largest community-based hospital systems in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto and is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

Trillium Health Partners Foundation

Trillium Health Partners Foundation is dedicated to raising the critical funds needed to address the highest-priority needs of Trillium Health Partners, one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada.

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