



*Your Health. Our Passion – for Life*

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### **Partnering for Patients – a board perspective**

When the Boards of Directors from Trillium Health Centre and The Credit Valley Hospital began looking at the possibility of merging, we had one objective: Improving patient care for our communities.

We had already experienced how partnering between the two organizations was benefiting our community. Three years ago our organizations began developing partnerships as part of each organization's strategic plan. Those decisions resulted in the integration of vascular and thoracic surgery in the two hospitals, and the development of many shared leadership roles between the organizations.

Each partnership we developed further strengthened the ability of both hospitals to not only meet but improve the service demands and population pressures of our fast-growing region. They also presented some opportunities to improve the financial positions of both hospitals at a time of economic uncertainty. Together, we have been improving health care for our communities.

With the merger, Trillium Health Centre and The Credit Valley Hospital will create a new, world-class, community academic health network. We will be able to improve patient care and access to services. We will have the size and financial strength to deliver more specialized services right here in our community. We will be able to attract the best health care professionals, and direct more resources towards front-line services for our patients and their families.

### **Next Steps**

The Boards have agreed to key principles of governance for the new organization, a new Board structure and the criteria to be used to select Board members for the new organization.

The next steps are the nominations for the new Board, and the completion of the legal paperwork and necessary approvals from the provincial government.

The goal is to have new Board members selected in late October, then to have the amalgamation completed and the new Board in place and operational by the end of November.

In this transition phase, both organizations will continue to work as we do now -- making patients our top priority, delivering safe, quality, patient-centred care.

## **Congratulations to Trillium staff for receiving the Award of Excellence!**

On November 1, 2011, Trillium Health Centre will receive the Canada Order of Excellence from Excellence Canada (formerly known as the National Quality Institute) for its Excellence, Innovation and Wellness programs.

This award represents the highest standard of achievement in providing a healthy workplace and quality excellence, and is the culmination of years of focus on workplace health and quality. And it was made possible by the hard work and determination of Trillium's staff.

Congratulations!