

# News Release

## from Halton Healthcare

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## **Halton Healthcare receives unprecedented donation of land from the Walker Wood family**

Halton Hills, Ontario – Halton Healthcare is thrilled to announce an incredibly generous donation of 105 acres of land approximately appraised at \$45 million from the Walker Wood family to help meet the future healthcare needs of its communities. The family donated the farm that was their home for many years to Halton Healthcare in memory of Neil Cameron Walker Wood, who passed away in 2021.

Neil Walker Wood’s wife, Susan, says, "My husband, Neil, and I have made the Walker Wood Farm in Georgetown our home for over 40 years. The farm has been the centre of our family during that time, a beautiful space where we have created many wonderful memories. Neil and I have been incredibly fortunate in our lives and Canada has provided many opportunities to help create our family's success. We have always held a strong belief in giving back to our community and it provides our family immense pleasure to donate this land in memory of my late husband. We are delighted that Halton Healthcare will honour my husband's legacy to advance healthcare for the people in this community for years to come."

"This is a remarkably generous gift from the Walker Wood family," says Melissa Farrell, President and CEO of Halton Healthcare. "It creates exciting new possibilities to meet the growing healthcare needs of our communities and for the future redevelopment of Georgetown Hospital. We will engage with all our partners to determine how best to use these lands to deliver the greatest public benefit."

"The Walker Wood family’s extraordinary gift, the largest ever to Halton Healthcare, promises so many possibilities for the future of healthcare services in our communities," says Georgetown Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Sandra Taylor. "We are moved by this altruistic donation and proud that this land will have a lasting impact on healthcare in this community."

The acreage is located at 9527 Trafalgar Road, south of Halton Healthcare’s Georgetown Hospital, and is close to local and provincial transportation routes such as Highway #7 and Highway #401.

### **QUOTES**

*"Thank you to the Walker Wood family for their generous gift to Halton Healthcare and I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire community on this important milestone. This land donation will support the future redevelopment of healthcare services in Halton Region and is a significant step towards our shared goal of improving healthcare services and providing quality care for all Ontarians."*

Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction, MPP, Milton

*“In this noteworthy act of generosity, the Walker Wood family is laying the foundation for a healthier, more vibrant future for our community. Congratulations to Halton Healthcare on receiving this land donation that paves the way for the future redevelopment of the Georgetown Hospital. This is a great step towards providing modern, local healthcare services to our growing community.”*

Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills

*“I am thrilled to extend my thanks to the Walker Wood family for the incredible gift they have granted to our Town. To Halton Healthcare and Georgetown Hospital this is a remarkable milestone for our community's future healthcare redevelopment. The Walker Wood family makes this incredible donation as a way of giving back to Canada and our community for opportunities leading to their success. What a magnificent honour for Halton Hills. It is a gift that will touch all our residents and future generations.”*

Ann Lawlor, Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

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### **About Halton Healthcare**

Halton Healthcare: Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals, along with their community locations, provide healthcare services to nearly 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit

[www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com)

### **About Georgetown Hospital Foundation**

The Georgetown Hospital Foundation builds awareness and inspires giving to raise funds for essential equipment and services for Georgetown Hospital, one of the three sites of Halton Healthcare. The Georgetown Hospital Foundation's vision is to partner with our community to enhance patient care. For more information, visit [www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.com](http://www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.com)