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ONTARIO HOSPITALS AWARDED FOR MAXIMIZING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Trillium Gift of Life Network announces 2016/17 hospital award recipients

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network is proud to present a record 36 awards to 29 hospitals and partners for their outstanding work in organ and tissue donation over the last fiscal year (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017).

These remarkable hospitals and partners are being recognized across four categories (see below for the complete list of award recipients). Highlights include:

- Twenty-seven hospitals received the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for meeting or exceeding the target of a 58 per cent conversion rate set by Trillium Gift of Life Network. Conversion rate is the percentage of potential organ donors (a deceased patient identified as having organ donation potential) that went on to become actual donors.
- The Award of Excellence was presented to three hospitals (**Hamilton Health Sciences, Health Sciences North** and **The Ottawa Hospital**); for meeting or exceeding the provincial conversion rate target in four or more consecutive years, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the implementation of donation leading practises.
- One hospital, the **Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario**, was awarded the Provincial Routine Notification Award for maintaining a 100 per cent routine notification rate: the rate at which hospitals notify Trillium Gift of Life Network when a patient has died and there may be potential for organ and/or tissue donation.
- Five healthcare professionals were recognized with the Donation Champion Award for embracing donation and leading culture change at their respective hospitals or organization.

“Ontario has had three consecutive record years of lives saved through transplantation, and such success would not be possible without our dedicated partners”, said Ronnie Gavsie, President and CEO, Trillium Gift of Life Network. “The achievement awards reflect how hospitals have embraced and integrated donation into quality end-of-life care”.

“These achievement awards represent the hard work and commitment of our Ontario hospitals to save and enhance lives through organ and tissue donation,” said Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ontario’s Minister of Health and Long Term Care. “On behalf of the 1,500 people in Ontario currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, we applaud your dedication and we thank you.”

2016/17 Hospital Award Recipients:

- **Brockville General Hospital:** Linda Peever, Hospital Donation Champion
- **Bluewater Health:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award

- **Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Provincial Routine Notification Rate Award
- **Collingwood General and Marine Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Cornwall Community Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Grey Bruce Health Services:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Hamilton Health Sciences:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Award of Excellence
- **Health Sciences North:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Award of Excellence
- **Hôpital Montfort:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Joseph Brant Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Kingston Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Lakeridge Health:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **London Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Monica Olanski, Hospital Donation Champion
- **North Bay Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Ontario Forensic Pathology Service:** Jeff Arnold and Joanne Whitney, Tissue Donation Champion Award recipients
- **Peterborough Regional Health Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Queensway Carleton Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Quinte Healthcare Corporation:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre :** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Sinai Health System:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **St. Michael’s Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **The Ottawa Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Award of Excellence
- **Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Timmins and District Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **Trillium Health Partners:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **University of Ottawa Heart Institute:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award
- **William Osler Health System:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award and Dr. Alexandra McMillan, Hospital Donation Champion
- **Windsor Regional Hospital:** Provincial Conversion Rate Award

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Trillium Gift of Life Network is a not-for-profit agency of the Government of Ontario responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation for transplantation across Ontario and improving the system so that more lives can be saved.