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**EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN HEALTH CARE TAKES CENTRE STAGE
AT PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL LECTURE**

Trillium Health Partners holds third Hazel McCallion Annual
Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities

November 29, 2022 (Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners' (THP) Institute for Better Health (IBH), in partnership with University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, held its third *Hazel McCallion Annual Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities*. The lecture aims to engage the community about critical issues, challenges, and cutting-edge developments in research and innovation in health care. This event brings locally, nationally and internationally-acclaimed scientists, innovators, and community builders to inspire thinking and action to advance population health to shape a healthier tomorrow. With a focus on improving access, quality and the experience of care for all, this year's lecture was named *Health Equity in the Learning Health System: Insights from the Pandemic to Inform Better Health*.

Keynote presentations were delivered by two renowned thought leaders in health equity, providing international and local perspectives. Dr. Lisa Cooper, James F. Fries Professor of Medicine and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Equity in Health and Health Care, Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Bloomberg School of Public Health spoke about health equity at the bedside, while Dr. Kathy Hogarth, Dean and Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, Wilfred Laurier University spoke about the importance of community engagement in improving equity and building an inclusive system of care.

An interactive panel discussion was held following the presentation, and included dialogue on what needs to be done to dismantle barriers and make health care services and delivery more equitable. Dr. Audrey Laporte, Professor and Director, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, spoke about the University of Toronto's partnership with IBH and the collective work that is underway to build research capacity in key areas that align with the hospital and community's needs. The event was brought to a close by Hazel McCallion, former Mayor of Mississauga, THP's Honorary Guardian and namesake of the Lecture.

As a community-based institute, IBH has a key role in understanding the needs, preferences and priorities of our community through research and innovation to create a healthier and more equitable tomorrow. Launched in 2018, the *Hazel McCallion Annual Lecture in Shaping Healthier Communities* was created to provide a platform to engage with our community and inspire thinking and action to advance approaches that improve the quality and experience of care from all perspectives.

QUOTES

Dr. Dante Morra
Chief of Staff and President, THP Solutions, Trillium Health Partners

Now more than ever, as we takeaway key lessons learned throughout the pandemic, innovation and research are crucial to the advancement of our health care system. We are honoured to host this lecture and inspire one another to improve access, quality and experience for our patients. Thank you to our keynote speakers Dr. Cooper and Dr. Hogarth for sharing your guidance and expertise in building a more equitable and inclusive system of care.

Dr. Robert Reid
Chief Scientist and Hazel McCallion Research Chair in Learning Health Systems, Institute

for Better Health and Senior Vice-President Science, Trillium Health Partners

The pandemic has revealed and amplified the inequities we knew existed in our community in both health risks, and in how care is designed and accessed. As a community-based institute, the Institute for Better Health has a key role to play in understanding the needs, preferences and priorities of our community through research and innovation. This capstone annual lecture is one approach we are taking to inspire thinking and action to advance population health and learning health systems approaches that improve the quality, equity and experience of care from all perspectives.

**Hazel McCallion
Former Mayor, Mississauga**

Each year, I am honoured to be a part of an insightful and collaborative conversation with renowned health care leaders across North America. This lecture inspires thought leaders to improve our health care system as we know it. Moving forward, I look forward to the future of improved equality and inclusivity across our health care platforms.

For images and further quotes from the event, visit the thread on Twitter @THP_Hospital.

ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS

Trillium Health Partners is the largest community-based hospital network 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 home of the Institute for Better Health. For more information, visit thp.ca.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR BETTER HEALTH

As THP's research and innovation engine, the [Institute for Better Health \(IBH\)](#) is a core enabler of THP's mission of a new kind of health care for a healthier community through the application of scientific expertise, innovative thinking and partnerships. Focused on generating cutting-edge science and innovation in health service delivery and population health, IBH leads practical research and innovation that shapes how we engage, design, deliver, and finance health care to solve problems stretching from the bedside to the system.

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