

MEDIA RELEASE

Raptors 905 and Smilezone Team up for Paediatric Unit Makeover at Trillium Health Partners

Six rooms revamped to let kids be kids while undergoing cancer care.

MISSISSAUGA (June 26, 2023) – Some of Credit Valley Hospital’s youngest patients have been given a new reason to smile. Trillium Health Partners’ (THP) has officially opened a new Smilezone space in the Paediatric Oncology Unit of Credit Valley Hospital. Generously donated by Smilezone Foundation, with support from the Raptors 905, the bright, fun Smilezone spaces include murals, sensory development equipment, drawing boards, tablet stations, and TVs meant to help improve the experience for children and families when they visit the hospital.

“It is community partnerships like this one that help us to provide the best possible health care experiences for our patients,” said Alison Quigley, SVP Patient Care Services, Trillium Health Partners. “These fun and interactive Smilezone spaces allow our youngest patients to focus on simply being kids, while we focus on their treatment and care.”

The revitalized area includes five treatment rooms, as well as the main waiting room. The design was a joint project between Smilezone and THP staff, patients and families from the Paediatric Oncology Unit.

“Our Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Pediatric Oncology Clinic at Credit Valley Hospital on six new Smilezones, with the goal of bringing smiles to children and their families during their hospital visits,” said Scott Bachly, Co-founder and Co-chair of Smilezone Foundation. “Thank you to our Board of Directors and the Raptors 905 for their generous support in making these newly renovated spaces possible – their commitment to this project has been outstanding.”

This fun, creative and playful space was generously donated by the Smilezone Foundation, with support from their Board of Directors and the Raptors 905. One of the rooms was specially designed in a basketball theme featuring the Raptors 905.

“We are happy to be a part of the newly renovated Paediatric Oncology Unit of Credit Valley Hospital,” said Raptors 905 Vice President Courtney Charles. “This new space will allow for a comfortable and playful space for children and their families while they fight through one of the most difficult times in their lives. We would like to thank SmileZone and Trillium Health Partners for allowing Raptors 905 to bring more joy to Credit Valley Hospital.”

Credit Valley Hospital operates the largest of seven Pediatric Oncology Satellite Clinics in the province of Ontario, which is overseen by The Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO). This partnership allows children and their families, many of them referred from the Hospital for Sick Children (Sick Kids), to receive cancer care closer to home.

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IMAGES AVAILABLE - Before and after photos of the revamped space, as well as images from the opening, are available for media use [here](#).

ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS (THP)

Trillium Health Partners (THP) is one of the largest community-based hospital systems in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, THP serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto, and surrounding communities. THP is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto, is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network and a proud member of Mississauga's Ontario Health Team. THP is committed to reducing inequities and improving health in the community. Visit www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca.

ABOUT SMILEZONE FOUNDATION:

Smilezone Foundation is a registered charity based in Oakville, ON, committed to putting smiles on kids' faces. Founded by Scott Bachly and Adam Graves in 2012, the Foundation's mission is to make tough days a little brighter for kids receiving treatment in hospitals and health care facilities. We do this by creating fun and engaging "Smilezones" that harness the uplifting power of a smile for the kids and their families. Please visit smilezone.com for more information about the 330+ Smilezones across Ontario.

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