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## **TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS CELEBRATES NURSES**

*Hospital recognizes award winners and wraps up Nursing Week*

(Mississauga, ON) - As National Nursing Week draws to a close Trillium Health Partners took one more opportunity to pay tribute to the hard work of their valued nursing staff.

Over the course of the week Trillium Health Partners honoured its nurses at a number of festivities under the theme "Nursing: A Leading Force for Change."

"During Nursing Week we salute all of our nurses for their critical contributions and congratulate our 2013 Nurse of the Year Award recipients," said Kathryn Hayward-Murray, Trillium Health Partners' Chief Nursing Executive. "Nurses are vital members of our inter-professional team that provide excellent quality and compassionate care to our patients."

Trillium Health Partners kicked off the week with the Nurse of the Year Award ceremonies at each of their sites where they cheered on and celebrated the more than 80 nurses who received an award for their leadership, teamwork and exceptional care they provide each and every day to patients and families.

The organization was also thrilled to learn that Sheryl Paul, the Clinical Quality Care Leader of Mississauga Hospital's Stroke Unit, won first prize for the Hospital News 2013 Nursing Hero Awards. With over 20 years experience, Sheryl was nominated by her colleagues for being the "personification of leadership", compassionate, dedicated, easily approachable and driven to provide excellent care to patients.

Cindy Doucette, another Trillium Health Partners nurse, received an honourable mention. She was recognized for her exemplary care for patients, families and colleagues, and giving beyond what is expected.

Of the 60 nurses nominated from across the province for Nursing Hero Awards, 15 were from Trillium Health Partners. This dedicated team was also acknowledged in the Toronto Star Nightingale Awards with nine nominations.

Hayward-Murray added: "We are very proud of the accomplishments of our nurses over the past year, particularly their leadership in collaborating with other health disciplines to implement organization-wide best practices for better patient care."

In 2012, Trillium Health Partners was chosen as a candidate for RNAO's Best Practice Spotlight Organization, an initiative where nurses are collaborating with other health care disciplines to implement evidenced-based best practices in six areas across the organization.

**About Trillium Health Partners:**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based academically affiliated acute care facilities in Canada, serving the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities.

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