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SB Partners Donates in Support of the Mental Health Redevelopment and Expansion Project at Joseph Brant Hospital

Burlington, Ontario – Continuing their dedication to community involvement, SB Partners accounting firm in Burlington has partnered with the Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation with a donation of \$25,000 in support of the Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) program. As many of their clients have professional and personal interests beyond Burlington, SB Partners is firmly committed to their support of mental health.

The Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) Mental Health Redevelopment and Expansion Project will provide a much needed expansion of the MHA program and will support the hospital in meeting the Ontario standards for beds per population. The inpatient unit and outpatient services have operated at capacity levels between 120% to 140% for over a decade.

“This project will be life-changing for many in our community, and we are so grateful to SB Partners for their support,” said Anissa Hilborn, President & CEO of the Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation. “Having community leaders like SB Partners show they are more than just a business not only makes a difference for our patients and their families, but it is an inspiration to others to invest in local healthcare.”

With the Mental Health Redevelopment and Expansion Project, the Hospital will continue to provide innovative, unique programs dedicated to transforming access to mental health and addiction services (MHA). Unique programs like Prioritizing Health through Acute Stabilization Transition (PHAST), which offers a multi-agency approach designed to improve support co-ordination and drastically reduce wait times for those in crisis in a scalable model with a reach extending beyond the local community.

PHAST is a Quadruple Aim Innovation in MHA with focuses on:

- Improving the quality of care and experience for the individual



- Improving access and outcomes at a population level
- Improving provider experience and wellbeing
- Improving the value of, and return on investment for, health sector expenditures

PHAST's multi-agency partnerships include leaders in primary and secondary MHA services in Burlington including Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH), the Halton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Halton Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Assessment, Prevention and Treatment Services (ADAPT), Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK) and the Burlington Family Health Team (BFHT). By identifying and improving gaps across the system, PHAST provides an improved collaborative response with rapid access to interdisciplinary assessment and stabilizing interventions to help manage crises and transition into further needed treatments and support.

With approximately 50% of the population having had or currently facing a mental illness by age 40, the program has already shown an Emergency Department recidivism reduction from 20-30% across provinces to 2.6%, a 10-fold lower than provincial norms.

“We are excited to be a long-term partner of Joseph Brant Hospital on Mental Health Redevelopment and Expansion Project that will impact those in our community and beyond,” stated Brittany Phillips, Manager, Marketing and Digital Media of SB Partners. For SB Partners, supporting the expansion and its programs is fully aligned with the firm's mission and values to support the community through social impact, education, and healthcare.

About SB Partners

Founded in 1974, SB Partners has 49 years of experience helping business owners and individuals. A full-service accounting firm providing strategic business advice and comprehensive accounting and tax services to SMEs, not-for-profits, and high-net-worth individuals. SB Partners' team of Chartered Professional Accountants has expertise in change management, assurance & advisory, tax, and valuation services. SB Partners is based in Burlington, Ontario.

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About Joseph Brant Hospital

Joseph Brant Hospital (JBH) is a full-service community teaching hospital located in the growing and thriving community of Burlington, Ontario, serving more than 185,000 residents in Halton, Hamilton, Waterdown, Flamborough, Milton, and Stoney Creek. It is honoured to be recognized as one of Hamilton Niagara's Top Employers for six (6) consecutive years, with a skilled staff of 194 physicians, 1,911 full- and part-time staff, and more than 700 volunteers.

JBH is a Clinical Education site in conjunction with McMaster University and is designated as an Academic Community Teaching Hospital. Its expanded campus includes the state-of-art Michael Lee-Chin & Family Patient Tower, featuring a new Emergency Department, 172 acute inpatient beds, 9 new Operating Rooms, and post-anaesthetic care unit to support expanded medical, surgical, and outpatient services. JBH is also a partner member of the Burlington Ontario Health Team.

JBH inspires and empowers a culture of caring and this is demonstrated in many ways including our commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of our people. For more information, visit www.josephbranthospital.ca.

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