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**Premier Turns Sod for
Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre
And new Ambulatory Care Centre
At Credit Valley Hospital**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Mississauga, Ontario) Premier Ernie Eves and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Tony Clement, put their spades in the ground at The Credit Valley Hospital to officially mark the commencement of the hospitals major expansion project. This phase of the project will see a new regional cancer centre and ambulatory care centre and ten mental health beds to be built on the Credit Valley site. The two centres are integrated into a 330,000 square foot expansion.

The Premier announced additional funding to secure a fourth radiation therapy treatment room for the regional cancer centre. The procurement of a fourth machine means Credit Valley will be able to provide radiation therapy for an additional 500 patients each year. The cancer centre will serve patients in the regions of Peel, Halton, Dufferin and beyond.

“We are ecstatic to say the least,” hospital president Wayne Fyffe said. “This project is important to our community for many reasons. Not only will it allow our oncology patients to receive full cancer treatment including radiation therapy, it will provide additional space for our other critical ambulatory care programs such as cardiopulmonary, mental health, rehabilitation, diabetes education and our regional renal dialysis program.”

Hospital Board chairman, Gord Stovel said “the project has been the dream of many of his fellow board members including immediate past board chair, Jane Watson, a cancer survivor. Ms. Watson and others worked long and hard to bring the cancer centre to Credit Valley, understanding as only a cancer patient or family member can, the hardships of traveling considerable distance for this type of treatment.”

Mr. Stovel said “The Premier and the Health Minister’s attendance at the official ground-breaking ceremony recognizes the significance of this event to our patients, our donors, our community.”

Dr. Sheldon Fine, director of the Peel Regional Oncology Program promised “the cancer program will provide more than just excellent patient care. Our prescription for good care – our promise to our patients as witnessed in our mission and vision statement – is to provide all encompassing care that reflects our commitment to the human side of care-giving, to the values shared by our caregivers and staff – excellence in patient care, respect, teamwork, accountability, partnership and leadership.”

The cancer centre will be named The Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre after major donor Carlo Fidani, chairman of the Orlando Corporation. Mr. Fidani made a personal donation of \$6 million dollars in support of the building project.

The hospital in cooperation with Cancer Care Ontario, will operate the centre. The Peel Regional Cancer Centre will help alleviate the province’s long waiting lists for treatment. The hospital’s oncology program already provides chemotherapy to thousands of oncology patients in less than 2,000 square feet of space. The new centre will increase its level of service to include radiation therapy as well with a total of 81,000 square feet of space.

The ambulatory care programs to be housed in the expanded facility will grow by approximately 32 percent to accommodate population growth. However some procedures such as ophthalmology will grow by at least 50 percent. Surgery, gynaecology and fracture clinics will also increase significantly as a result of referrals from the Peel Regional Cancer Centre and repatriation of cases that are currently referred to other hospitals.

Examples of other programs that will be housed in the hospital’s outpatient expansion include but are not limited to:

- Regional Renal Dialysis Program will provide 56 treatment stations at the expanded CVH site and 24 self-care stations at its satellite Watline location
- Medical/surgical clinics
- Cardiopulmonary diagnosis and treatment space
- Rehabilitation

The total project cost is \$134,214,358.

The Credit Valley Hospital is situated in Mississauga, the sixth largest city in the country.

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