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## REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF SUCCESS IN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Peterborough Family Health Team presents the 2016/2017 Annual Report

PETERBOROUGH, ON – The Peterborough Family Health Team, providing care to 115,000 residents, is proud to present the 2016-2017 Annual Report to the community, which highlights the programs, services and collaborations that ensued last year.

The Annual Report gives readers the opportunity to see all the successes Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT) achieved in the 2016/2017 fiscal year, as well as the many collaborations and partnerships that were created, all leading to a more streamlined primary healthcare system. From attaching new born babies to a family doctor, to opening a clinic to support our transgender community; PFHT has been busy supporting the community's health care needs and ensuring patients receive the best care possible, in the best place, at the best time.

Some items PFHT would like to highlight in the report are:

- Clinical Support Services: working in the background of our system to help navigate
  patients to the most appropriate area of care. Whether the patient requires a follow-up
  appointment with their family doctor after being in the hospital or the patient has been
  diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), the Clinical Support
  Services team is here to help.
- Wellness Day for Women by Women: this cancer screening day continues to build upon the success of past years. The annual Saturday event has three life-saving cancer screenings available for women, along with refreshments and gift bags to make it a fun experience.
- The Allied Health Professionals: these professionals, which consist of Mental Health Clinicians, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Registered Dietitians, Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses, provided 98,959 patient visits last year.

This coming year, PFHT will continue to create programs and services and bridge healthcare gaps that have come to light for the community. In addition, they will continue to work diligently on physician recruitment to ensure all Peterborough residents have access to the primary care they deserve.

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