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**Building expansion fundraiser launched at Gala**

**LOCAL HEALTH CENTRE BURSTING AT SEAMS:  
NOW WITH MORE THAN 10,000 REGISTERED CLIENTS**

HAMILTON –Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre marks its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and phenomenal growth from 200 to more than 10,000 registered clients, with the launch of its Building Expansion Fundraiser, **5 – 9 p.m., Fri., Oct. 27, Essence Banquet Hall, 422 Barton Street East, Hamilton.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser features politicians, community leaders, performers, clients, health providers and many other supporters.

The evening's keynote speaker is Dr. Gordon Guyatt, a physician and McMaster University professor of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics.

MP David Christopherson, MPPs Judy Marsales and Andrea Horvath, and Hamilton Mayor Larry Di Ianni will contribute to the program. Performers include the International Children's Peace Choir; Blues, R&B and Jazz Musicians Harrison Kennedy and James Anthony; the Polonez Dance Group; Nevo Dzivipen Roma Band; Ghana Dance Duo and many more.

Order of Canada recipient Dr. Gary Warner is the evening's emcee.

HUCCHC is a trusted provider of high-quality primary health care providing 31 vital services and programs in more than 15 languages. Its 10 years of service have not only changed the lives of thousands of people, but have also helped shape the city in positive and wonderful ways.

"Hamilton is one of the most diverse cities in Canada and the third largest receiving centre for immigrants and refugees. We are committed to ensuring that every client feels safe, welcome and cared for physically, emotionally and socially. It has been our honour to serve this city," says HUCCHC Executive Director Denise Brooks.

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