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**Credit Valley Giving Green Light
For Regional Maternal/Child Centre**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Mississauga, Ontario) “We’re ecstatic!” exclaimed president Wayne Fyffe as the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the honorable Tony Clement, announced the provision of \$27.1 million to build a new regional maternal/child centre at the Credit Valley Hospital.

“This signals a new wave of maternal and child care that is long overdue.” Fyffe explained. “Care closer to home is what our mothers and children require and what Credit Valley’s regional program will offer.”

The announcement signals the official funding for the program, which began at Credit Valley in February 2000. In order to provide a full service however, the hospital’s maternal/child program needs to expand. The \$27.1 million will assist in the provision of care in a new, state of the art, patient and family-focused program. The MoHLTC’s portion of the \$27.1 million is \$18.97 million. Credit Valley must fund \$8.13 million.

Until now, expectant mothers with higher-than-normal-risk pregnancies had their regular checkups in downtown Toronto. It wasn’t unusual for them to travel for up to five appointments per week during the latter stages of their pregnancies. The regional maternal program allows the expectant mom to have care in her own community -- at Credit Valley – care that is comprehensive and concentrated so that if she needs to see an obstetrician, an endocrinologist to manage their diabetes, as well as a radiologist to monitor the baby, she can do so with one appointment.

The philosophy is similar in managing paediatric care. Parents whose children are now receiving care at Credit Valley, say it’s a dream come true.

The new regional maternal/child centre will provide:

- ✓ Advanced Level II designation which means hospital professionals will care for more high risk pregnancies, deliver their babies and provide specialized care for pre-term babies.
- ✓ Better services for mothers, babies and children in the regions of Halton and Peel
- ✓ More space to accommodate our population growth and expanded responsibilities.

- ✓ More sophisticated technological care
- ✓ Family friendly space

The centre will provide “an atmosphere that invites families to participate in the care of their loved one, a place that’s filled with natural light and provides a home-like environment.

The new centre will handle an estimated 4,755 births per year. The number of inpatient beds associated with the maternal child program will increase from 49 to 75.

Bassinettes will increase from 26 to 37. Paediatric outpatient visits related to the new regional programs are estimated to increase from 2300 to 10,640.

The new regional maternal/child program is part of the hospital's overall capital expansion project that is estimated to cost more than \$300 million. The regional maternal/child centre is slated to be completed in 2004.

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