



Gateway
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Health Centre

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Gateway CHC Expands Same-Day Access

Tweed, April 28, 2009 - With support of the South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Gateway Community Health Centre was able to create an additional exam room to support the work of its third nurse practitioner. The new exam room was furnished through donations received from the local Tim Hortons and the Young Family Jamboree.

In December, Gateway welcomed Donna Ferguson to the primary care team as its third nurse practitioner. Nurse practitioners provide a full range of health care including health promotion and prevention, diagnosing and treating illnesses and injuries, physical check-ups for adults and children, ordering and interpreting tests, writing prescriptions, and making referrals to specialists and other health professionals.

“With the third nurse practitioner on board, Gateway is now able to extend its same-day access to a full day, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm from our previous half day” said Lyn Linton, Gateway’s Executive Director. Same-day or advanced access allows Gateway clients to make appointments with a nurse practitioner for urgent health matters that cannot wait for a regularly scheduled appointment.

The SE LHIN approved reallocation of \$40,000 of Gateway funding to support the construction, which also included transferring social work services to the lower level creating room for the new exam room. To furnish the exam room, \$3,900 for medical equipment was supported through a \$3,400 donation received from Tim Hortons’ Smile Cookie campaign and the Young Family Jamboree, which raised \$500.

Gateway CHC’s programs and services are structured and designed to eliminate system-wide barriers to accessing health care such as poverty and geographic isolation. Its services focus on primary care, illness prevention, health promotion, community capacity building and service integration.



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