

Media Advisory
For Friday, February 8, 2019

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, MPP Parm Gill to Open New Hawthorne Midwives Clinic

MILTON, ON – Thirty-one-year-old Rosalyn Williams, a mental health counselor, became a first-time mother when she delivered her baby under the experienced care of Hawthorne Midwives, Abigail Corbin and Lynn Hendrick.

“The Hawthorne midwifery team coached, soothed, instructed and empowered me to deliver a healthy baby girl, in the comfort of our own home, at 11:05 pm that evening,” said Ms. Williams. “I didn’t have any fear or concern, nor did I question the ability or skill of the midwifery team to delivery our first baby, our newborn daughter Cedar.”

Ontario’s newest midwife practice will officially open its doors on Friday in Milton, the fastest growing municipality in Canada between 2001 and 2011, and home to growing families and the promise of many, more newborns.

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, MPP Parm Gill, and inaugural mother Rosalynn Williams, will deliver congratulatory remarks.

Hawthorne Midwives is comprised of four registered midwives -- Abigail Corbin, Lynn Hendrick, Karin Sundararajan, and Molly Hockin -- who provide care to the general population of Milton and North West Mississauga, including high social risk women in these communities. Both of these areas have large population increases, particularly of young families.

“Hawthorne Midwives provides culturally-sensitive care to women from all backgrounds,” said Abigail Corbin, a 13-year veteran of midwifery practice in Ontario. “Given how busy we have been since opening our doors as a new practice, we feel that midwifery care could not have come sooner to this region.”

Rosalyn Williams was one of the first clients to be welcomed at the new practice.

Hawthorne Midwives provides care to all women in need but also to women with low income, living in shelters, or new to Canada.

“We are a primary resource to teen mothers with unplanned pregnancies, as well as new immigrants and refugees to the area,” added Ms. Corbin. “We work collaboratively with the wonderful obstetrics team at Milton District Hospital for hospital births or the transfer of care for pregnancies that become high-risk.”

Milton and North West Mississauga were exceptionally under-serviced by midwives before Hawthorne Midwives set up its clinic recently on Main Street in Milton. Midwives see mothers and families in their clinic during pregnancy and then make home visits for the first two weeks after the baby is born, and then again in clinic till the baby is six weeks old.

About the Hawthorne Midwifery Practice:

- Midwives spend more time with their patients than physicians, with the average visit length being approximately 30 to 60 minutes. Pregnancy is viewed as a normal, healthy function rather than a medical condition, and birth as a medical procedure.
- Midwives guide their clients toward as natural a birth as possible, with less monitoring during a normal labour process, and applying techniques other than medication for pain management.
- If medication or an epidural is needed for pain relief, mothers can still access the therapy at Milton District Hospital, where the baby would then be born.
- Babies are born either at home or in the hospital, depending on the risk assessment of the mother and baby, and the wishes of the mother and family.
- If the pregnancy is considered high risk, or the mother has a pre-existing medical condition, Hawthorne Midwives will refer the mother to an obstetrician for support.
- This may result in 'shared care' between the physician and the midwife. If a client is followed by a Hawthorne Midwife and a sudden complication arises in the labour or delivery process, an obstetrician can be called upon for support.
- Hawthorne Midwives do assessments on mother and baby in the home after birth, and help with breastfeeding and baby care for approximately six weeks.

Hawthorne Midwives is currently taking referrals and are open for service.

www.hawthornemidwives.com

Official Opening of the Hawthorne Midwifery Practice

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