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NHS releases annual report

Niagara Health System's Annual Report titled Forward, which was released today at our Annual General Meeting, highlights our successes and milestones from the past year and our future planning.

In choosing the theme Forward, we are conveying the message that we are actively moving ahead on a new and exciting path.

"Part of this new way forward is a deep acknowledgment that to move ahead, we need to be working proactively with those we serve and partnering arm-in-arm with our 12 communities, and with other health service providers and agencies across the region and beyond," says NHS President Dr. Suzanne Johnston.

Added Dr. Barry Wright, Chair of the NHS Board of Directors: "Our health system has experienced amazing successes and developments in the past year. We've attracted new leaders, staff and physicians and we are proud of our emerging culture. We continue to develop a culture of safety and quality, working with academic partners like Brock University, McMaster University and Niagara College. And we continue with the development for our ambitious future including a new South Niagara Hospital, and working with all communities to strengthen local healthcare."

NHS ended the 2014-15 fiscal year with its first surplus in five years. As part of our plan to improve our financial health, NHS recorded a surplus of \$8.53 million, which will be used to continue paying down our long-term and short-term debt.

"Our healthy financial results reflect our team's ongoing commitment to finding efficiencies while continuing to enhance our ongoing quality and safety focus and provide high-quality patient-centred care," says Dr. Johnston.

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