

Smilezone Foundation and Toronto Rock unveil child-friendly zones at Headwaters

Headwaters Health Care Centre, in conjunction with the Smilezone Foundation and the Toronto Rock lacrosse team, recently unveiled five renovated 'child-friendly' SmileZones in the Women's and Children's and Paediatric Departments at Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Earlier in the year, the Smilezone Foundation selected Headwaters as one of their donation recipient hospitals for 2016. The mission of this charitable organization is to create, build and transform areas in hospitals, private treatment and development centres, and children's clinics in order to improve the lives of children facing illness, disabilities, and physical and emotional obstacles.

In 2016, the Toronto Rock announced the Smilezone Foundation as their official charity partner for the season. This partnership saw funds raised for Smilezone through various efforts throughout the season, including the 50/50 draws at Rock home games as well as the Rock's annual charity game April 9 against New England.

'We are very excited to see the new SmileZones at Headwaters Health Care Centre,' said Toronto Rock President, Owner and GM Jamie Dawick. 'I am proud of our fans for supporting this project through our fundraising efforts during the 2016 season. We are honoured to be a part of the upcoming official grand opening.'

Over the course of one weekend, five rooms at Headwaters were transformed, including the Family Room in the Women's and Children's Department, three paediatric in-patient rooms, and the Playroom in the Paediatrics Department.

'This is a wonderful opportunity for Headwaters to create even more positive healing spaces for patients and families, and provide an exceptional experience every time,' Headwaters President and CEO Liz Ruegg said. 'We are excited and grateful to have been selected by the Smilezone Foundation and the Toronto Rock, especially as many of the Rock players have close ties to our community.'

'On behalf of Smilezone Foundation's Board of Directors, we are thrilled with these very special new Zones at Headwaters Health Care Centre,' Smilezone Board Chair and CEO of Bachly Construction Scott Bachly added. 'A huge thank you to the Toronto Rock for their support, and the incredible Foundation, staff, physicians, nurses, and families at Headwaters for making this installation possible.'



Colin Doyle of the Toronto Rock; Scott Bachly of Bachly Construction and board chair of Smilezone Foundation; Nick Rose of the Toronto Rock; Jamie Dawick, owner and general manager of the Toronto Rock; Josh Sanderson of the Toronto Rock; Janet Peddigrew of BMO and the Smilezone Foundation Board; and Marlene Orticello of BMO Orangeville were all on hand for the recent unveiling.