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York Central Hospital Staff and Physicians celebrate Black History Month!

Richmond Hill, ON: York Central Hospital is pleased to celebrate Black History Month today! As part of our continuing commitment to diversity, the Hospital will highlight the accomplishments of African Canadian individuals and celebrate their cultural traditions.

“Today, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today,” said Jo-Anne Marr, VP, Patient Care and Chair of the Diversity Council at the Hospital. “It is also an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.”

Today’s Black History Celebration was organized and funded by staff and physicians of African and Caribbean heritage who wish to share their cultural background with their colleagues, our patients and visitors. The celebration includes inspirational words by local business leader Steven Conville, as well as greetings from Richmond Hill Mayor David Barrow, MPP for Thornhill Peter Shurman, MPP for Richmond Hill Reza Moridi and live entertainment.

Among the highlights of today’s event are musical performances by Juno-nominated musician Elsworth James, and accomplished jazz performer Dionne Wilson. Also performing are Hope Samuels, an RN from the hospital’s Continuing Care Program, as well as Ogechi Abara and Uko Abara. Cultural displays featuring African and Caribbean artifacts and a slide-show highlighting Afro-Canadian accomplishments will also be on display.

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