



*Building community  
health together.*

June 1, 2022

Dear Hamilton, Haldimand, and Niagara Northwest communities,

June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the first day of Pride Month, a time dedicated to celebrating and empowering LGBT2SQ+ voices and creating ongoing awareness and support of LGBT2SQ+ rights. It is also a time to reflect and learn from the struggles, discrimination, harassment, and barriers that this community has faced, and continues to experience today.

At the Greater Hamilton Health Network, we acknowledge the histories of the LGBT2SQ+ communities and celebrate that Pride Month has become a beautiful, vibrant international celebration that marks the growing pride and support of all people and communities.

The GHHN is committed to supporting our local communities, staff, partners, patients, families, and carepartners through the ongoing pursuit of equitable healthcare, anti-oppression, capacity building opportunities and a commitment to learning and unlearning as we co-design healthcare together.

This commitment has included ongoing capacity building opportunities for our staff, patient advisors and leadership through training programs from organizations such as Rainbow Health and San'yas Anti-Racism Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Program. The GHHN operates through an intersectional lens and actively works with our Health Equity Council to ensure that our work and actions are reflective of our values and the Health Equity Framework.

Our allyship with the LGBT2SQ+ communities is important to us, and we look forward to continuing to build relationships, understanding and working together to transform healthcare. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this important month, the history and diversity of the LGBT2SQ+ community and by showing your support and pride throughout the year.

Happy Pride 2022!

Sincerely,

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