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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Chamber Plays Host to 14 Family Medicine Residents**

**Kitchener, ON** – This coming weekend, local family physicians, business and community leaders will join volunteers of the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce in hosting 14 family residents and their partners.

Organized by the Chamber Health Care Recruitment Council, the annual family resident weekend is a major recruitment initiative that positively engages family residents and promotes the community as a welcoming, attractive, leading-edge centre of medical excellence with promising practice opportunities.

*“The weekend is a wonderful opportunity for these first and second year family medicine residents to get better acquainted with the community and our health care facilities,”* said Bruce Antonello, Chair of the Chamber Health Council. *“While residents tour the hospitals and meet and speak with local family practitioners, their partners tour the community and have opportunity to explore employment opportunities with local business and community leaders.”* Over the past ten years, many of the visiting residents have made the decision to establish their family practices in K-W as a direct result of the weekend visit.

This weekend is supported through generous community investment in the Chamber Health Care Recruitment Council initiatives. Along with the Cities of Kitchener and Waterloo and the Township of Woolwich, major corporate investors include Manulife Financial, Research In Motion, Sun Life Financial, The Economical Insurance Group, Cowan, KPMG, Heffner Lexus and Heffner Toyota, Bell and The Walter Fedy Partnership.

It is estimated that more than 30,000 Kitchener-Waterloo residents do not have access to a family physician.

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