Michael Delisle retires from KMHC in a career that began 49 years ago

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(Kahnawake - 31, Enniskó;wa/March 2025) Tehsakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) wishes to advise the community the Michael Delisle is retiring today after a career that began, incredibly, nearly fifty years ago.

Mike first came to KMHC in 1976, where he worked as a kitchen aide. Later that same year he temporarily took on an on-call position as an orderly. He returned to KMHC in the same position in 1980 and has been a loyal employee of the KMHC ever since. Beginning in 1987, Mike worked in the security/maintenance and housekeeping departments until taking on the role in the Transportation department in 2006. For the past 19 years he has been a familiar face – usually driving the KMHC mini-bus to its many destinations, including everything from taking long-tern residents on excursions, delivering blood tests to other facilities for analysis, and even taking part in various parades when the situation arose.

"We have acknowledged several long-time employees who have retired in the past couple of years, and saying goodbye to someone who started here nearly fifty years ago is special – incredible, actually," said Executive Director Valerie Diabo. "Michael has performed admirable in every position he ever took on. But his last role as our primary driver is one which he truly excelled. He loved his job, and it showed."

In a message to the staff of the KMHC, Mike acknowledged the valued friendships he has gained with co-workers and elders alike. "It has been an honor to be part of KMHC. I have enjoyed each and every day I worked throughout the years. I may be retiring...but I won't be gone. My heart will always be here," he wrote.

While he is retiring from full-time work, he will remain available to fill in as a driver should the need arise.

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