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York Central Hospital Breaks Ground on Phase One of its much anticipated Major Expansion Project!

Thursday, February 9th, 2006 was a day that had long been anticipated by residents of Southwest York Region. MPP Mario G. Racco, Acting Richmond Hill Mayor David Barrow and Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio from the City of Vaughan along with Hospital and Foundation representatives helped to break ground for Phase One of York Central Hospital's major expansion and renovation project as patients, community members, donors and hospital staff looked on. Work is now underway for this exciting and ambitious \$93.2 million project for the benefit of our community!

Hospital President & CEO, Bruce Harber, sees the expansion as a key to the Hospital's new Vision - *Here when you need us - with expert and compassionate care*. "For our patients, the expansion will mean timely, high quality, safe and friendly care and compassionate service" says Mr. Harber. "For our staff, physicians, and volunteers it demonstrates supportive leadership, a professional, patient focused and team-based work environment. For our community, it continues to show the most efficient use of our resources and technology to allow for the best possible access to quality hospital care."

To help fund this project, in 2003 the Hospital Foundation launched the \$35 million *Share the Spirit of Care Campaign*. Campaign Chair, Stan Neal was pleased to report "In the last three years, Campaign volunteers have contacted over 1,000 potential donors to talk about the redevelopment. The Campaign has generated tremendous support from businesses, community groups and individuals across Southwest York Region. We have also received excellent support from our own Hospital Family and the Town of Richmond Hill. Everyone is excited about the Hospital's redevelopment plan and the many people who will be helped by the expansion." To date over \$32 million has been raised in cash and pledges toward our \$35 million goal.



Flagging the Backhoe Operator to begin the Ground Breaking are (left to right):

Asmita Gillani, Hospital Chief Operating Officer; Mario G. Racco, MPP Thornhill; Dr. Nalin Ahluwalia, Interim Chief of Staff and Chief of Emergency Medicine; Joyce Frustaglio, Regional Councillor and Hospital Board Member; Stan Neal, Chair, Capital Campaign Committee; Bruce Harber, Hospital CEO; Greg Miklas, York Central Hospital Foundation Chair; David Weldon, Hospital Board Chair and David Barrow, Acting Mayor of Richmond Hill and Hospital Board Member.

The completion of Phase One is expected to take place by late 2008. What will this mean for our patients? Tripling the size of our Emergency and Diagnostic Imaging Departments will allow patients to be seen in a more timely fashion in more spacious and private treatment areas; by doubling the size of the Critical Care Unit, Hemodialysis and Outpatient Dialysis Clinics we shall be able to care for greater numbers of these patients in units that have been specially designed to meet the very intensive and highly specialized care they require; a state-of-the-art Birthing Centre will allow fathers and families to participate in the birthing experience; by providing a Schedule One Mental Health Facility with 6 new secured beds, Mental Health patients who require a secure unit to keep them safe will no longer need to be transferred outside of their community away from the support of family and friends; the expansion of the Hospital will also create negative Pressure Rooms for isolation of highly infectious patients, add 87 new Inpatient Beds including new Acute Care Medicine Facilities, expand the Fracture, Plastics and Ophthalmology Clinics and add new Medical Staff Facilities.

Please Excuse the Mess!

Now that the Expansion Project is underway, there will be a lot of construction traffic and equipment around the Hospital. Please follow all postings for entry into the Hospital carefully. We apologize for any inconvenience caused, but just think of the magnificent new facility we will have once construction is completed! Please consult the Hospital website at www.yorkcentral.on.ca for construction updates.



Rebecca, Age 12 from Richmond Hill

A Winner in the Colouring Contest at the Kids Day Event at Hillcrest in October of 2005.

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SHARE THE SPIRIT

Reaching our Goals

In the past six months our *Share the Spirit of Care Campaign* and York Central Hospital have made great strides towards plans put in place to dramatically improve the health care in Southwest York Region.

The Campaign has reached the \$32 million marker. With the concentrated efforts of our volunteers, the generosity of those who have contributed, and those who will come

on board in the coming months, we are certain that together we will surpass our \$35 million goal.

Now that construction at the Hospital is in high gear, our donors are delighted to see that their contributions to the Campaign are producing tangible results. We all know that it is simply a matter of time before we have the kind of health care facility our community deserves.

...Recognizing Those Who Are Making it Happen

The *Share the Spirit of Care Campaign Donor Recognition* system, is being developed to recognize donors who have made gifts of \$5,000 and above to the Campaign. We want you to know that it is your support that is helping to make this expansion project possible. The system which will be located in the lobby of the Douglas Storms Wing, will be unveiled upon completion sometime

this spring. We will be hosting a reception for the unveiling and to thank donors for their contributions. The Donor Recognition system will be updated annually to reflect new gifts, increases in pledges, and cumulative gifts. Every donation to the Campaign is important. Accordingly, all donors are gratefully acknowledged for their generosity.

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The Community Supports the Expansion



Our young community members exhibit their "works of art" that were themed around the construction of our Hospital's expansion.

The Kids Day Event at Hillcrest on October 15th brought families out to the event that featured a "Teddy Bear Clinic" and Colouring Contest and raised \$4,300 for the campaign.

Tacc Construction



Bill Fisch, Regional Chair and CEO York Region presents a cheque for \$20,000 to Bill Leacy, Foundation President & CEO on behalf of Tacc Construction Limited. In the past few years, Tacc Construction Limited has contributed over \$110,000 in support of our Hospital.

Wertheim Family

Mrs. Reni Wertheim and Mrs. Ardene Wertheim's generous \$25,000 pledge in honour of husband and father Harry Wertheim will fund a Family Quiet Room in our newly expanded Emergency Department. The Wertheims have been long-standing donors who, last year, also funded new televisions, VCR's and cots for our Mother and Child Unit.

OF CARE UPDATE



An Event for Everyone in the Community

We are pleased to announce our first *Share the Spirit of Care Run/Walk* event presented by Royal LePage Your Community Realty. This is the premier fundraising event for the Community Phase of the *Share the Spirit of Care Campaign* in support of the Hospital's expansion.

Join Richmond Hill Mayor, William Bell, Honourary Chair of the event and Joe Bowen "the voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs", our event MC for a fun-filled day for the entire family.

The event will feature a 5k chip-timed run, a 5k walk and a 1k scamper for children. It will be held at Richmond Green (Elgin Mills Road and Leslie Street) which offers a pleasant route along winding tree-lined paths, waterfall and other picturesque surroundings.

Your day will begin with an invigorating warm up and then you are "off to the races". After completing your run or walk event you are offered a complementary "cool down" massage and refreshments. Unique to other race events, the *Share the Spirit of Care* 5k Run/Walk will also include an interactive Health Fair including a Teddy Bear Clinic.

Medals will be awarded to the first three (men and women) crossing the finish line and gifts will be given to all children who participate in the 1k Scamper. Prizes will be awarded to the top individual, corporate, school, or family team that collects the most pledges.

All registered participants will receive a race kit and the first 500 registrants are guaranteed a t-shirt.

We welcome family and friends to come out and cheer for your favourite participant, visit the Health Fair and just enjoy the day.

To register or for information please visit our website at www.yorkcentral.on.ca or call the hotline at 905-883-2028.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors who are helping to make this event one you won't want to miss - kick off the spring season with your community friends and support your community hospital!

**Saturday,
May 6, 2006**

**Richmond Green
9:00 a.m.**

*Share the
Spirit of Care*
5k Run/Walk

SPOTLIGHT ON... COMMUNITY FUN(D) RAISERS

Thanks to the following businesses, individuals and community groups who, since the last issue of Foundation Facts have had special events to raise funds on behalf of **YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**.



EXTENDICARE, our partner in healthcare, hosted their second annual "Extending Our Care" dinner and silent auction on September 22nd, 2005. The sold-out event was a huge success raising over \$20,000 to fund a Family Quiet Room. This event has now raised over \$40,000 for York Central Hospital's Emergency Medicine Program. We thank Extendicare's Joseph Gulizia, Regional Director and Trish Talabis, Administrator for their hard work. A special thank you to the generous sponsors, silent auction donors and all guests who supported the event.



David Obedia of **RICHMOND HILL ROTARY CLUB** presented Bill Leacy, President of York Central Hospital Foundation with a donation of \$8,333 as part of a \$50,000 pledge to furnish five patient rooms in our redeveloped Woman & Child Program.

To celebrate their grand re-opening, **EAST SIDE MARIO'S** in Richmond Hill donated \$1.00 from every pasta entrée and pizza sold during their grand re-opening week of February 6th to 15th and raised \$1,350. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

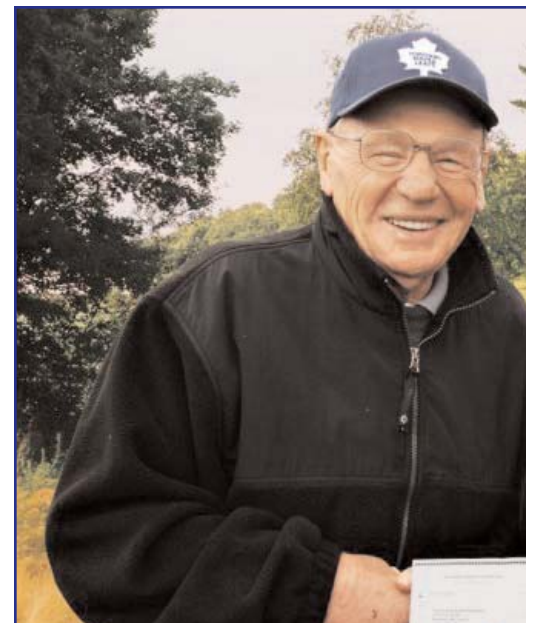


ROYAL LEPAGE REAL ESTATE in Thornhill held their annual pumpkin sale last fall and raised over \$1,500. Since 1996 this annual event has raised a total of \$13,400 for York Central Hospital. Thank you to everyone involved at Royal LePage.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGE P. VANIER COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GEORGE P. VANIER COUNCIL presented York Central Hospital Foundation with an incredible \$4,000 cheque at their Christmas Dinner in December. Since 1987 this community-minded group have donated more than \$50,000 for life-saving medical technology in virtually every area of York Central Hospital.

Our thanks to Dr. Sheldon Rotman and the staff of **CARRVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY** who held several Sports Guard Clinics and raised \$750 for the Hospital.

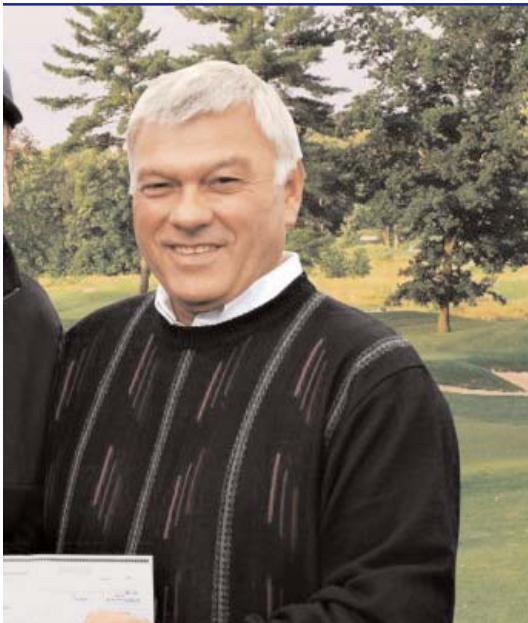


Johnny Bower (left) presented Richmond Hill Co for York Central Hospital raised at the **JOH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**. Special organizing such a successful event and, of course



The students of **YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL** held a Musicathon at Hillcrest Mall on March 4th and 5th. Students collected pledges for their performances and raised an incredible \$4,319.35 in support of York Central Hospital's Woman & Child Program.

The **MARC SANTI FOUNDATION VALENTINES DINNER DANCE**, held on Saturday, February 11th, 2006 was a great success. We are grateful to the Santi Foundation for designating York Central Hospital Foundation as one of the recipient charities of the proceeds from this event.



ill Councillor Arnie Warner with a \$5,000 cheque
JOHNNY BOWER FOUNDATION 2005
Special thanks go to Laura and Aldo Vettese for
course, to the man himself – Johnny Bower.

FIREFIIGHTERS



Many thanks to the **FIRE FIGHTERS OF YORK REGION CALENDAR COMMITTEE** and to the caring fire fighters of York Region for making the 2005 Calendar such a success. York Central Hospital Foundation is the grateful recipient of \$10,000 from the proceeds of the 2005 calendar. We wish to thank everyone who supported this great cause and helped to improve healthcare in Southwest York Region. The 2006 calendar is now on sale!

SANDRO & SANDRA DIORIO once again thought about the Hospital when they hosted their 2005 annual Christmas party. They asked their guests to make a donation to the Hospital and raised over \$1,100 in donations. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Dilorio for helping our Hospital.

Peter Cratchley



The Foundation lost a friend on August 12, 2005. Peter Cratchley, long-time member of The Volunteer Association of York Central Hospital and Foundation volunteer will be sadly missed by his numerous friends, fellow volunteers and devoted family.

Peter was a dedicated member of the Foundation's Gala Committee. Each year guests looked forward to being greeted by Peter, appropriately costumed, on the evening of the Gala. His warm sense of humour and genuine kindness was appreciated by all those whose lives he touched.

Peter was the recipient of many well-deserved honours. In 2002 he received The Volunteer Association's Outstanding Volunteer Award. In 2004 Peter and his wife, Sue received a Special Recognition Award from The Volunteer Association in recognition of their commitment to The Valentine Dance Committee. Peter was also presented with a Provincial Life Membership Award from the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario.

When Peter passed away, his wife Sue and children, Jason, Lee and Julia requested that donations in Peter's memory be made to York Central Hospital Foundation. Over \$10,000 in memorial funds were donated. These funds will be used to completely refurbish a patient room at York Central Hospital in Peter's memory.



SURGERY PROGRAM GETS STATE-OF-THE-ART LASER AND ENDOSCOPY SYSTEM



Thanks to the continued generosity of Mr. John Di Poce and Family, York Central Hospital recently purchased state-of-the art laser and endoscopic equipment which helps doctors diagnose earlier and then treat conditions of the prostate, bladder and kidney.

Dr. Wayne Samsouandar, Urologist, says "the patient benefits of the new equipment will be dramatic. First, stronger picture-taking and technological capabilities of the machine will result in more accurate diagnosis. The flexibility will result in reduced blood loss and therefore improved safety and less discomfort for the patients"

Moreover, said Dr. Samsouandar, "there will be dramatic improvements in recovery times. As an example, current prostate (TURP) surgery involves a three-five day hospital stay and a four-six week recovery period. With our new Endoscopic System, patients will have same day surgery and be discharged. They will then average a one-two week recovery period.

The new technology will truly make a huge difference to the lives of our patients. Thank you Mr. Di Poce and Family.

Congratulations to the Most Recent Kiani Compassionate Care Award Winners!

Congratulations to Neville Cameron, Natalia Movshovich and Dr. David Rosman, recipients of the most recent Kiani Compassionate Care Awards. Established in conjunction with York Central Hospital Foundation, and generously funded by Mr. & Mrs. Farsad and Joan Kiani, this endowment recognizes and rewards York Central Hospital staff and physicians who regularly demonstrate outstanding examples of compassionate care. Mr. Bryon Wilfert, MP for Richmond Hill, assisted with the award presentations in December 2005.



(L to R) Bill Leacy, Foundation President, Jackie Treadwell, Staff Relations Chair, Neville Cameron, Bryon Wilfert MP and Natalia Movshovich. Absent: Dr. David Rosman

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Already the site is buzzing with activity. The construction tower crane is in place and Bondfield Construction Company Ltd. has begun enhancing water, hydro and sewer services to the Hospital. The Dialysis Program will soon be accommodated in newly renovated space so that the Emergency Department can temporarily use the current Dialysis site while the new North Wing is being built to house the expanded Emergency and Critical Care Areas.

New Labour and Delivery Unit to be completed by the end of 2006

One of the first areas of the expansion project to be completed will be the new Labour and Delivery Unit on the 5th floor of the Langstaff Wing. Last year York Central Hospital welcomed over 2,400 new babies. With our expanding community, these numbers are expected to continue to grow in coming years.

The new Labour and Delivery Unit will include eight Labour, Birthing and Recovery (LBR) Rooms, two Caesarean Section Delivery Rooms, a Triage Area and a Fetal Assessment Room. The new LBR's will feature home-like décor, private ensuite bathrooms, and greater space for fathers and other family members. The new Triage Area and Fetal Assessment Room will have specialized diagnostic and monitoring equipment including an ultrasound machine and five fetal monitor units. For those babies who are born needing extra help right away, the Neonatal Resuscitation Unit will be equipped with a ventilator and intensive infant warmer, a resuscitation cart and defibrillator.

All of these state-of-the-art medical projects are only possible with the continuing support of our community. We give special thanks to Marylo Graham and the Longo's Family Charitable Foundation whose generous donations have helped fund the Labour, Birthing and Recovery Rooms and the Neonatal Resuscitation Unit.



Oh What A Night!

York Central Hospital Foundation's annual Gala was held on November 4th, 2005 at LeParc, Markham. It was a dazzling evening as over 1,000 guests helped raise a record \$474,000 for York Central Hospital. Once again, Ensil Canada Ltd. was the Presenting Sponsor, helping to make this year's event the most successful in its eighteen-year history.

Guests were welcomed to the sold-out event by Master of Ceremonies Ken Shaw, National Editor and Anchor Weekdays, CTV News Toronto. This year's theme "Feel the Beat" was a bright, colourful tribute to the 60's and 70's. Guests danced to the upbeat sounds of the Rhythm Kings Band and enjoyed a gourmet meal preceded by our famous antipasto and martini bar. One of the highlights of the evening was the live auction which included fabulous experiences such as a trip for two to Paris including a stay at the romantic Ritz Hotel and a Getaway Package to New York City including VIP tickets to attend a CBS taping of Late Show with David Letterman. For those who weren't successful during the live auction, the silent auction featured 350 unique items ranging from gift baskets to home furnishings. Also, one very lucky guest walked away at the end of the evening with a \$22,000 diamond bracelet on her wrist as a result of purchasing one of a limited number of raffle tickets.

The proceeds from this year's Gala will help fund a new Trauma & Resuscitation Unit for the Hospital's Emergency Medicine Program, part of the Hospital's current expansion plan. This Unit will see the most serious and critical patients and will be equipped with the latest in resuscitation, intravenous fluids, airway management and monitoring equipment.

We are grateful for the dedication and tireless efforts of Gala Chair Vivian Risi, Ticket Sales Chairs Vince Agozzino and Michael Ciccolini, Silent Auction Chair Julie Fuda and all their committee members. Special thanks to guests, sponsors, donors and volunteers who made the evening such a success.

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York Central Hospital has a long tradition of providing the highest quality of health care to the people of Southwest York Region. To continue to improve our ability to serve the community, we require your support.

It has been said that the future belongs to our children. A Planned Gift established in your name will help ensure our children receive the quality health care that they deserve during their lifetime.

THANK YOU FOR THE HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Many thanks to all of our generous donors for participating in our holiday mailing by sending in their gifts and completing the enclosed cards with thoughtful messages. Your cards were posted in the Hospital elevators and distributed to our nursing floors brightening the days of our patients and staff over the holiday season. We have heard from many staff and patients who greatly appreciate your kind words.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, June 30, 2006

James Peek Memorial Golf Tournament
Cardinal Golf Club, Kettleby

Monday, July 10, 2006

Proud Partners Classic Golf Tournament
Thornhill Country Club

Saturday, July 22, 2006

M.C. Sifton Memorial Polo Tournament
Gormley Polo Centre, Richmond Hill

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Extending Our Care Dinner & Silent Auction
Desserts Plus, Woodbridge



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