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## Media Release

### York Central Hospital Host Community Open Houses On Future Hospital Development

RICHMOND HILL – On September 27 and 28, the communities of Southwest York Region will have an opportunity to participate in two community open houses to discuss the future development of hospital services in the Region. York Central Hospital will host open houses in Richmond Hill and Vaughan as part of the hospital's planning process to develop a major regional health system in Southwest York Region. The open houses will be a forum for participants to share their thoughts and feedback on how best to meet the future health care needs of the people of our growing community.

The hospital is pleased to feature futurist and expert health care strategist Dr. Juliet Rogers who will be providing an overview of the hospital's planning process and lead the community consultation session. Dr. Rogers has extensive experience working on development projects with hospitals and academic medical centres across North America.

#### York Central Hospital's New Mandate

York Central Hospital's Development Project will respond to the growing demand for health care services in Southwest York Region. The Development Project envisions a two-site model that will see further development at York Central Hospital and the building of a new hospital in Vaughan. The two-site model is key to creating a major regional health system that will serve patients in Richmond Hill, Vaughan and the surrounding communities.

"Planning for future facilities is important in order to meet the immediate and future needs of our community," said Jo-anne Marr, Interim President and CEO. "One of our goals for this project is to create a high-quality, cost-efficient health system, which will provide care closer to home for residents in Southwest York Region."

#### Major Milestones – Collaboration Leads to \$7 Million Planning Grant

A collaboration agreement between York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care was the first step in future planning for increased health services in Southwest York Region. Following the collaboration announcement, York Central Hospital was awarded a \$7 million planning grant from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. This grant is enabling the hospital to develop a Stage One submission, which is the first step of the government's

capital planning process. Stage One submission will include long-range facility and site plans to support the delivery of services.

People who are unable to attend the open houses in either Richmond Hill or Vaughan can still provide their feedback by completing an on-line survey. The survey is easily accessed on the home page of the hospital’s website at [www.yorkcentral.on.ca](http://www.yorkcentral.on.ca). The hospital has also created a new Future Expansion Micro-site and E-newsletter to help community members stay informed of the latest news and information on the hospital’s development project. The Micro-site and E-newsletter can also be accessed from the hospital’s website.

“We are excited that we have an opportunity to meet face to face with our community during this preliminary stage of planning,” says Rosemarie Crisante Director of Development, York Central Hospital. “The planning of our future services and facilities must be centered on meeting the health care needs of our community.”

### Engaging Our Community

The community open houses are part of the hospital’s robust community engagement strategy designed to ensure community members have an opportunity to participate in the hospital’s development project. In June, 100 community leaders gathered at the hospital’s Future Thinking Visioning Session. The session kicked-off the hospital’s project planning and was the first step toward developing the project’s vision statement– *Connecting you with tomorrow’s health care*.

In addition, the hospital has engaged a wide variety of health partners and recently met with over 40 community service organizations. The meetings provided ideas and perspective on health service needs and discussed possible partnerships to benefit the communities of Southwest York Region. Hospital staff and physicians have participated in facility planning user group meetings that provided insightful information on the health care programs and services required to best meet the needs of our community.

For more information on the hospital’s capital project or on the upcoming community open houses please contact York Central Hospital’s development office at 905 883-1212 ext 7282.

<b>Community Open House – Vaughan</b>	<b>Community Open House – Richmond Hill</b>
<p><b>Location:</b> Vellore Village Community Centre  <b>Address:</b> 1 Villa Royale Avenue            Vaughan, Ontario  <b>Date:</b> Monday, September 27, 2010  <b>Time:</b> 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Richmond Hill Centre            for the Performing Arts  <b>Address:</b> 10268 Yonge Street            Richmond Hill, Ontario  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday, September 28, 2010  <b>Time:</b> 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Presentation/Consultation:</b>            7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Presentation/Consultation:</b>            7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>

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## Backgrounder

**About York Central Hospital**

Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (506 beds) located in Richmond Hill providing Emergency, Inpatient, Ambulatory, Continuing and Long-Term Care services to a community of over 500,000 residents in Southwest York Region. In addition to the services it provides locally, York Central Hospital is the District Stroke Centre for York Region and is home to a number of regional services including: the York Region Chronic Kidney Disease Program, York Region Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault Care Centre, and the York/Simcoe Behaviour Management and Autism Programs.

**About Keynote Speaker and Consultation Facilitator, Dr. Juliet Rogers**

Juliet Rogers is President of Blue Cottage Consulting, a North American leader in strategic and operational healthcare consulting. Based in Michigan, but engaged coast-to-coast in the US and in several provinces in Canada, Blue Cottage's team of experienced healthcare professionals offer innovative solutions to clients who have an interest in transforming healthcare at the individual, organizational, community, or system level. Prior to consulting, Dr. Rogers served as Associate Hospital Administrator at the University of Michigan Health System, and was the Director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. She earned her bachelors, masters, and doctorate at the University of Michigan and remains a member of the health policy faculty at the School of Public Health.