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## Media Release

### New Board to Guide Future Expansion of Health Services in Southwest York Region

**Richmond Hill, ON** – York Central Hospital is pleased to announce the restructuring of its Board of Trustees as an important first step in creating a new vision for health care in Southwest York Region. That vision promises an expanded health care system with hospital sites in both Richmond Hill and Vaughan. With a goal of integration, innovation and excellence in health services delivery and patient care, this exciting transformation is the result of the collaboration between York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care.

In fulfilling the terms of the Collaboration Agreement, the Board renewal process was led by a Community-based Nominations Committee. Through newspaper advertisements, the Committee received over 150 applications from experienced and interested members of the public and the process resulted in 24 Board members.

“As a result of the hard work and dedication to date, we have assembled an outstanding Board membership that will move us forward and provide governance to our goal of delivering expanded health services to the community,” said Warren Collier, Interim Chair, York Central Hospital’s Board of Trustees. “I am looking forward to working with our new board as they bring their considerable talent, skills and experience to bear on the exciting opportunities before us.”

Among the new members of the York Central Hospital’s Board of Trustees are a number of high profile individuals who bring valuable governance and leadership experience from senior positions in government, academia and business. These include: Michael DeGasperis, Quinto Annibale, Sam Ciccolini, Mark Falbo, Margaret Mottershead, Sheila Neuberger, Dina Palozzi, Mamdouh Shoukri and Mayor of Vaughan Linda Jackson (see attached Member biographies).

The Board of Trustees is fortunate to have retained a number of existing members with extensive backgrounds in banking, health care, law, project management and communications. Returning members include: Warren Collier, John Mills, Jo-anne Marr, Dr. Larry Grossman, Shafiq Ebrahim, Lou Fortini, Tony Genco, Louis Greenbaum, Mark Liddy, Heather Martin, Daisy Wai, Dr. Nick Voudouris, Dr. David Weizman, Dr. Hien Ta and Mayor of Richmond Hill David Barrow. Teddene Long, who was appointed in 2009, will also be returning as a Honourary Trustee (see attached Member biographies).

“This marks the commencement of a journey of transformation in health care for the communities of Vaughan, Richmond Hill and beyond,” said Michael DeGasperis, Chair of the Board’s new Development Committee, member of the Board’s Executive Team, and Chair of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care, at the first meeting of the new Board. “I am excited to be a part of this journey as it represents an opportunity for the communities served by York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care to come together and collectively build a regional health system that now includes a two-site hospital model.”

The combination of new and existing board members creates an impressive slate of trustees who will volunteer their time and expertise to help build a new regional health system over two sites to better meet the health care needs of Canada's fastest growing urban community. Their skills and experience make them well qualified to provide the stewardship and independence required for effective governance.

"I want to extend my thanks to the members of Community-based Nominations Committee for their dedication and commitment in selecting such an outstanding group of individuals to help guide the future development of health care services in Southwest York Region," added Mr. Collier.

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## Backgrounder

### About the Southwest York Region Collaboration Agreement

In October of 2009, York Central Hospital and the Vaughan Health Campus of Care signed a collaboration agreement to bring much needed additional hospital facilities and services to Southwest York Region. The agreement outlined a process by which a new hospital board would be created to provide ongoing stewardship for York Central Hospital and to plan new hospital facilities in Vaughan. Shortly afterwards the province, through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, announced \$7,000,000 in funding to support the development of a planning submission to create a major regional health centre with hospital sites in both Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

#### About York Central Hospital

[www.yorkcentral.on.ca](http://www.yorkcentral.on.ca) - Opened in 1963, York Central Hospital is a large community hospital (472 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. Last summer the hospital completed Phase One of its major expansion and renovation project, significantly expanding its treatment facilities and inpatient beds. 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 the Vaughan Health Campus of Care:

[www.vaughanhealthcare.com](http://www.vaughanhealthcare.com) - The Vaughan Health Campus of Care is a not-for-profit organization established to ensure that new health services in the Vaughan community are coordinated, aimed at a common vision of integration, innovation and excellence in health services delivery and patient care. The Vaughan Health Campus of Care is responsible for the strategic establishment and coordination of health care services to serve the needs of the Vaughan community.

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### About York Central Hospital's Board of Trustee Members

#### New Members

**Michael DeGasperis**, a resident of Vaughan, is President of Arista Homes and Vice President of the TACC Group of Companies. He has consistently ranked as one of the top five homebuilders within the J.D. Power & Associates Client Satisfaction Study for the past five years and has built over 6,000 award-winning homes across the GTA. Michael is also a partner in various land development and construction companies pertaining to infrastructure and he has expanded land interests to include two premier golfing and banquet facilities; Copper Creek Golf Club in Vaughan and the Peninsula Lakes Golf Club in the Niagara Region. The Centre for Business Development honored Michael with "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1999. The Vaughan Chamber of Commerce has nominated his company as a finalist in the 2010 Business of the Year Award. Michael is Chair of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care and is also Director and past Chair of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation. Michael will serve as an Executive Member of the new board and will bring significant expertise as Chair of the Development Committee that will oversee the planning for the new Hospital in Vaughan and the revitalization of the York Central Hospital site.

**Quinto Annibale**, a resident of Vaughan, is a partner with the Toronto law firm Loopstra Nixon LLP, practicing in the areas of municipal, land use planning and development law. Quinto received his Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University and his LL.B. from Queen's University. He is a former member of the City of Etobicoke Committee of Adjustment, a past executive member of the Municipal Law section of the Ontario Bar Association and past editor of the OBA Municipal Section Newsletter. Quinto is the author of the Canada Law Book text "Municipal Lands: Acquisition, Management and Disposition." He is active in his community, serving as a Board of Directors and Executive Committee member of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care, the Vaughan Health Care Foundation and the Vaughan Community Health Centre. He also serves as a director on the Villa Colombo Vaughan Board of Directors. He is President of the Carol Annibale Ovarian Cancer Foundation, a charity he founded and runs in memory of his late wife, Carol Annibale.

**Sam Ciccolini**, a resident of Vaughan, is the owner of several businesses including Masters Insurance Limited, an insurance brokerage firm specializing in construction insurance and contract bonds across Canada and the United States. He has had an active role in community service for many years including serving a number of health care institutions in an advisory role including the Hospital for Sick Children, Humber River Regional Hospital and is Chair of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation. Sam is the recipient of the Italian Star of Solidarity Medal, the Order of Ontario, the Order of Canada and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for exceptional contribution to public service.

**Mark Falbo**, a resident of Woodbridge, is a Principal and the Executive Vice-President of the Mircom Group of Companies, a family-owned group of companies operating globally in Fire Detection and Building Communication Systems. Mark has an extensive background in law, finance and business. Mark holds a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Toronto and he is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Mark's volunteering experience includes Downtown Legal Services, Big Brothers of Toronto and an Executive Board position with the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce.

**Mayor Linda Jackson**, a resident of Vaughan, was elected Mayor of Vaughan in 2006. Prior to this, Linda was elected as a Regional Councillor in 2003 and as a Ward Councillor in 2002. In addition to her political career, Linda also worked in human resources and security management. The majority of her employment has been in the City of Vaughan with major corporations. In addition to being an ex-officio member of all the City's local committees and boards in her capacity as Mayor, Linda has also served on the Vaughan Health Care Foundation Board and has been the past chair of the York Region Abuse Program. Linda has also been on a number of York Region committees and currently sits on: the Spadina Subway Transit Oriented Development Advisory Task Force as Chair; the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation as vice-chair; the Transportation Services Committee, the Finance and Administration Committee and the Yonge Subway Advisory Task Force. Linda and her family have called Vaughan home for over 40 years. She grew up in the Woodbridge neighbourhood of Pine Grove and has been active in the community from a very young age.

**Margaret Mottershead**, a resident of Richmond Hill, is currently the Chief Executive Officer at the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres and previously served as the Deputy Minister of Health in Ontario. Margaret's extensive experience also includes: Member of the Board of Directors for the Toronto Regional Geriatric Program (Sunnybrook); Chair, Advisory Board for TeleHealth Ontario; Member and Vice Chair of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Board; and Member of the Oncology Committee of the UHN Board. She has also been a member of numerous Provincial Expert Panels and volunteered with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the Ontario Stroke Network and York-Simcoe District Health Council. Margaret is a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for exceptional contribution to public service. Margaret will serve as an Executive member of the new board.

**Sheila Neuburger**, a resident of Thornhill, is Vice-President, Clinical Services at Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences (Ontario Shores), leading the development and enhancement of inpatient and outpatient programs and services for the hospital. In addition, she is a surveyor with Accreditation Canada and Past Chair of the Alternate Level of Care Task Group with the Central East LHIN. She has a Master of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts both from the University of Toronto and has additional healthcare management education. Sheila's extensive experience in the health care industry includes both acute care and specialty hospitals. Prior to her role at Ontario Shores, she was Patient Care Director, Medicine at the Scarborough Hospital and was also a Board Member for the Scarborough Community Care Access Centre.

**Dina Palozzi**, a resident of Woodbridge, is the President of Paladina Management Consulting Services, providing management consulting services on privacy, governance and dispute resolution issues. Dina has worked in a number of portfolios for the Government of Ontario including Deputy Minister, Revenue and Financial Institution; Deputy Minister, Correctional Services, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education and Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. After leaving the Ontario Public Service she held a variety of positions at BMO Financial Group, including Executive Vice-President, Client Relations and Chief Privacy Officer. Dina holds a Master of Business Administration from York University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. She has obtained her ICD.d designation as a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. She serves as Vice-Chair of CAA South Central Ontario Board, as a board member and Chair of Audit Committee for the Toronto Centre for Financial Sector Supervision and as a board member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and the Vaughan Health Care Foundation Board.

**Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri** is President and Vice-Chancellor at York University, the university within the Central LHIN. Previously, he was Vice-President, Research and International Affairs at McMaster University, where he was also a Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Shoukri is a member of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) and has served on the Ontario Government Advisory Committee for the Centres of Excellence. Dr. Shoukri is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineering. He is the author and co-author of over one hundred papers and his education credentials include a BSc (Hons.), Mechanical Engineering, Cairo University, MEng, McMaster University and PhD, Mechanical Engineering, McMaster University. Dr. Shoukri is on the Board of Directors for Cancer Care Ontario and the York University Foundation.

## Returning Members

**Warren Collier, Interim Chair**, a resident of Richmond Hill, is currently Director, Business Consulting Services with the Self Management Group in Toronto and President of Trinity Integrated Solutions, a Human Resources Consulting Firm. He brings to the Board over 20 years of experience in Operations, Credit Adjudication, Risk Management and Human Resources within the Banking and Telecommunications sectors. Warren holds a professional Human Resources designation (CHRP). He was elected to the Board in 2002 and since his appointment has served as Vice Chair of the Board, Treasurer of the Hospital and Chair of the Quality and Performance Management Committee. As Interim Board Chair, Warren is also Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board.

**John Mills, Vice Chair**, a resident of Richmond Hill, is currently Vice President, Content, Pelmorex Media Inc. and is the former Regional Director General, Environment Canada, Ontario. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Memorial University and has served on a number of other Boards, most recently on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Environmental Program at York University. John was appointed to the Board in 2004 and has served as Chair of the Strategic Directions Committee of the Board and is a member of the Executive Committee.

**Jo-anne Marr, Acting President and CEO**, has been in her current role since 2009. Prior to her appointment as Acting President and CEO, she held the position of Vice President of Programs at York Central Hospital. She previously held the positions of Chief Operating Officer at the Toronto Medical Laboratories and General Manager, Business Operations at the University Health Network. Jo-anne brings over 25 years of healthcare sector experience working in a number of administrative and nursing leadership positions as well as healthcare consulting roles. Jo-anne holds a Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Business Administration and is a Certified Health Executive. She is also a prolific co-author of numerous publications for nursing and healthcare management journals on a wide variety of healthcare issues as well as a book on healthcare management.

**Dr. Larry Grossman, Chief of Staff**, joined York Central Hospital as Chief of Staff in April 2006. Trained as a Haematologist and Internist, Dr. Grossman is a former Chief of Staff at the Scarborough Hospital. A former associate professor at UBC and assistant professor with the University of Toronto, Department of Medicine, Dr. Grossman has published approximately 50 articles in peer reviewed and other healthcare journals. In recent years he has been a leader of several regional palliative care initiatives and has sat on a number of provincial expert panels including: Cancer Care Ontario's Toronto Region Planning Committee, Toronto Inpatient Palliative Care Units Committee and the Toronto Palliative Care Network's Transition and Steering Committees. As Chief of Staff at York Central Hospital, Dr. Grossman Chairs the Medical Advisory Committee and Sub-Utilization Committee and Co-Chairs the Inter-Program Committee. He is also an ex-officio member of all Board committees.

**Mayor David Barrow**, a resident of Richmond Hill, was elected Mayor of Richmond Hill in 2006 and before that was a Regional Councillor for the Town of Richmond Hill. Mayor Barrow has been involved in his community for over 30 years and has been recognized by both the Town and the Chamber of Commerce for that contribution. Mayor David Barrow was first appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2001.

**Shafiq Ebrahim**, a resident of Maple, is an Assistant Vice-President and Manager at HSBC Bank Canada with wide-ranging experience in banking, strategic planning and project management. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Dalhousie University. Shafiq has been actively involved with his community in a volunteer capacity including serving as a Board Director for Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and Special Olympics Ontario as well as being a member of the Toronto Board of Trade. Shafiq was appointed to the board of York Central Hospital in 2007 and has served a number of committees including By-laws, Strategic Directions and Quality and Performance Management.

**Lou Fortini**, a resident of Vaughan, is Senior Legal Counsel at Hydro One Networks and has provided legal representation to major corporations and government institutions since his call to the Bar in 2000. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario as well as a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree from York University. Lou has been a member of the York Central Hospital Board of Trustees since 2004 and has served on a number of committees including Governance, By-laws, Quality and Performance Management and Strategic Directions.

**Tony Genco**, a resident of Woodbridge, is the President and CEO of Parc Downsview Park Inc. He has extensive experience in grassroots initiatives and has participated in a variety of communications, public relations and outreach initiatives. Tony has a Bachelor of Arts degree from York University. Among his many community activities, currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Columbus Centre and the Vaughan Public Libraries Board. He is also an External Fellow at York University's McLaughlin College and a member of the Canadian Sustainability Indicators Network and the Development Committee of the North American Association of Environmental Educators. Tony was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2008 and is the Chair of the Quality and Performance Management Committee and the Executive Committee and is Treasurer of the Hospital.

**Louis Greenbaum**, a resident of Richmond Hill, is a principal with the Vogue Development Group Inc., engaged in land development, home building and construction of commercial and industrial properties in the Greater Toronto Area. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts and Master Degree in Environmental Studies (Planning) from York University. Louis brings extensive volunteer experience on a variety of Boards and organizations, including the Vaughan Health Care Foundation; the Vaughan Health Campus of Care; the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Urban Development Institute of Ontario and Canada. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2009 and serves on the Development Committee.

**Mark Liddy**, a resident of Vaughan, is a Project Manager in Development and Construction for Liberty Development Corp. and Darcon Inc. He has a proven track record of delivering quality construction projects on time and ahead of budget in both Canada and the United States. Mark is a professional engineer and holds a Master of Applied Science, Construction Management Program and Bachelor of Applied Science, Civil Engineering, both from the University of Waterloo. A lifelong volunteer, he received a City Vaughan Volunteer Award in 2008. Mark was appointed to the Board in 2008 and has served on a number of committees including Strategic Directions and Quality and Performance Management and was Chair of the Redevelopment Committee.

**Heather Martin**, a resident of Thornhill, is currently the Director, Family Services Division for the Regional Municipality of Durham and previously worked as the Branch Director, Children with Special Needs at the Ministries of Children and Youth Services and Health and Long-Term Care. She holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Guelph. Heather's volunteer experience includes Board Chair, Children's Treatment Network of Simcoe York; Member, Durham Region Health and Wellness Steering Committee and on Leadership Council of the Durham Strategic Planning Alliance for Children and Youth. Heather was appointed to the Board in 2009 and has served on a number of committees including Quality and Performance Management.

**Daisy Wai**, a resident of Richmond Hill, is the founder and President of a full service marketing and advertising agency Ad2000 and Beyond Advertising Inc. and has been in the advertising, public relations and publishing business for the past 38 years. Daisy has been recognized for numerous community awards including: the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Award of Merit, the York Region in Celebration for Women Marketing Award, the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs Best Community Services Award and the Town of Richmond Hill's Volunteer Achievement Award. Daisy is also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. Daisy's board experience includes the York Regional Police Services Board, Deacon of the Richmond Hill Christian Community Church, Chair of the Board of Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce and is currently Director of the Markham Board of Trade. Daisy was appointed to the York Central Hospital Board in 2008 and is currently a member of the Strategic Directions Committee and Nomination Committee.

**Dr. Nick Voudouris**, a resident of Thornhill, works as a family physician at Thornhill Medical Centre, is the Chief of Family Practice at York Central Hospital and is past President of the York Central Hospital Medical Staff Association. He is also the physician representative for the 905 area at the Ontario Hospital Association. Dr. Voudouris holds a Medical Degree from the University of Calgary and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario. He has been a member of the York Central Hospital Foundation Board since 2001 and has been Chairman of the Foundation since 2009. He was appointed to the hospital's Board of Trustees in 2009

**Dr. David Weizman**, a resident of North York, became a General Surgeon at York Central Hospital in 2006 and is President of the Medical Staff Association as well as Deputy Chief of Surgery. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery. Dr. Weizman was appointed to the Board in 2008 and is also a member of the Strategic Directions Committee.

**Dr. Hien Ta** received his M.D. from Dalhousie University. He obtained his Family Medicine residency at McMaster University and practiced as a family doctor and as a coroner until deciding on a career in Anesthesia. He completed his specialty of anesthesia training at the University of Toronto and was a clinical fellow in the field of Obstetrics Anesthesia at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Before coming to York Central Hospital, Dr. Ta practiced at the Guelph General Hospital. Besides holding active staff duties, Dr. Ta is the Vice-Chief of the Department of Anesthesia. He is Vice-President of the Medical Staff Association. He also sits as the Chair of the Preprinted Orders Taskforce.

**Teddene Long**, a resident of Thornhill, was re-appointed to the Board as an Honorary Trustee in June 2009. Prior to completing her term in June 2008, Teddene served in a number of leadership roles on the Board from June 1999 to June 2008. Teddene is a former Director of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) Board where she held a number of leadership roles including Chair of OHA Region 3. Teddene is the former Executive Director of the Victorian Order of Nurses, York Branch. She is a Registered Nurse and founding member of the Canadian Home Care Association. She has actively volunteered for a number of other organizations including terms as President of the Board of Directors, Palliative Care Services for York Region and Chair of the Board of Directors, Council on Aging, York Region.