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MEDIA RELEASE

\$15 Million Gift for New Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital

Richmond Hill/Vaughan, ON – Today, Mackenzie Health announced the largest single donation in its history, a \$15-million joint gift from the De Gasperis and Muzzo families to help build the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital. The De Gasperis and Muzzo families, separately and together, have a long history of philanthropy, including many contributions to Mackenzie Health.

“We are very grateful for this generosity, which will benefit the people of Vaughan and neighbouring communities for decades to come – providing exceptional health care for patients and families close to home,” said Ingrid Perry, President and CEO of the Mackenzie Health Foundation.

Construction of the new hospital – a 1.2 million sq. ft., state-of-the art health care facility featuring fully integrated ‘smart’ technology systems and medical devices – began last fall, and is making significant progress toward the scheduled opening in 2020.

Building on generous donations already received, the \$15-million gift is a major step in the Mackenzie Health Foundation’s fundraising campaign, which is being spearheaded by a dedicated 33-member cabinet co-chaired by Greg Sorbara and Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua. The Foundation has committed to raising \$250-million in community contributions toward the total \$1.6 billion project cost.

“This gift has been in development for more than three years, and we are extremely pleased to see it come to fruition,” Perry said. “We will continue to reach out to individuals and organizations in our ongoing fundraising drive, and we hope they will follow the examples set by the De Gasperis and Muzzo families, and by all our very generous donors who have made a commitment to our new hospital.”

To recognize these exceptional contributions, the Mackenzie Health Foundation has decided that the west wing of the new hospital building will be named the De Gasperis-Muzzo Tower.

“We are making great progress, both in construction and fundraising,” said Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO of Mackenzie Health. “Thanks to tremendous community support, we are well on our way to completing this exceptional new healthcare facility.”

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Fact Sheet

Mackenzie Vaughan Fundraising

“Exceptional Care Belongs Here”

The Mackenzie Health Foundation is spearheading the Exceptional Care Belongs Here campaign, which is committed to raising \$250-million in community contributions toward the total \$1.6-billion project cost of the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital.

This is the largest fundraising drive ever led by a community hospital in Canada.

The campaign is being spearheaded by a dedicated 33-member cabinet, co-chaired by Greg Sorbara and City of Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua.

Approximately
\$70 million

has been raised in the
campaign so far



20 Gifts of \$1 million or more

Major contributions have included:

- \$15-million from the De Gasperis and Muzzo families – the largest single donation in the history of Mackenzie Health (previously York Central Hospital)
- \$10-million from Magna International
- \$10-million from the Vic De Zen family
- \$5-million from the Sorbara family
- \$3-million from the De Meneghi family
- \$2-million from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community
- \$2-million from the Berwick Family of King

In recognition of their \$15-million gift, the west tower of the new hospital will be called the De Gasperis-Muzzo Tower.

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Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital

Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital will be the first hospital in Canada to feature fully integrated “smart” technology, which features systems and medical devices that can speak directly to one another to maximize information exchange

As part of Mackenzie Health’s two-site hospital model, Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital and the existing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, supported by a comprehensive network of community-based services, will provide increased access to state-of-the-art healthcare closer to home for the residents of York Region.

**Location:**

Northwest corner of Jane and Major Mackenzie Drive
(just north of Canada’s Wonderland)

Directly accessible to Highway 400 and the connecting 407 and 401 Highways

**Size**

1.2 million

Square Feet

350 beds, with capacity to expand to 550

**Total Project Cost**

\$1.6 Billion

(including \$1.3 billion
government grant)

**Features**

- State-of-the-art emergency department
- Modern surgical services and operating rooms
- Advanced diagnostic imaging
- Specialized ambulatory clinics and intensive care beds
- Medicine, Birthing (Obstetrics), Pediatrics, Mental Health and the York Region District Stroke Centre
- Approximately 90 per cent single occupancy acute-care patient rooms for infection prevention and control



Architectural rendering reflects current design concepts. Exterior colors and finishes may change with final design.

More Facts

- First hospital to be built in the City of Vaughan, and first in York Region in the last 30 years.
 - As part of Mackenzie Health's two-site hospital model, Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital and the existing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, supported by a comprehensive network of community-based services, will provide increased access to state-of-the-art healthcare closer to home for the residents of York Region.
 - Construction commenced in with a ground-breaking in October 2016 and is on schedule to be completed in 2020.
 - Live camera overlooking construction site online at:
<https://app.oxblue.com/open/PCL/mackenzievaughan>.
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