



Media Release

Oakville Hospital Foundation announces largest donation in its history—\$10M *New Oakville Hospital to be one of the first built using Ontario's new design guidelines*

October 28, 2010, OAKVILLE – Today, on the future site of the new Oakville Hospital, The Oakville Hospital Foundation (OHF) announced Peter Gilgan's, founder and CEO of Mattamy Homes, pacesetter donation of \$10 million.

The new Oakville Hospital will be one of the first new hospitals in Ontario built using the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's new design guidelines for hospital construction. And, with a list of more than 39,000 pieces of equipment; it will have some of the best medical equipment and technology available.

"Today, I believe we have laid a solid foundation on which our new hospital will be built," says John Oliver, President and CEO, Halton Healthcare Services. "This gift has set a new benchmark for philanthropy in our community – one that will undoubtedly inspire others. Peter, on behalf of all of us working at the hospital and those who will benefit from this new hospital, thank you so much for your amazing generosity."

The \$10 million donation announced today is the largest ever received by the hospital or any other organization in Oakville.

"Peter has been a supporter of Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for many years and as a former member of the hospital's Board of Directors he has a strong understanding of the need for this new hospital," continues Mr. Oliver. "It is an honour for us to have the Gilgan name - so clearly associated with landmark innovation and quality, community building and philanthropy - as part of our hospital's heritage. I am pleased to announce the new inpatient tower will be called the **Peter Gilgan Patient Care Centre.**"

The Centre will be home to the Hospital's medical & surgical inpatient units which will offer a full-range of medical and post-surgical specialty care to the community. To reduce the risk of infection and enhance patient privacy and comfort, eighty percent of the hospital's inpatient bedrooms will be designed for single-patient use. The Peter Gilgan Patient Care Centre will support family involvement by including amenities such as family rooms, lounges, shower facilities, kitchenettes and much more.

"For over 10 years, I have had the privilege to be a part of the Oakville Hospital community," explains Mr. Gilgan. "I know firsthand the need for a vibrant new health care centre that will grow, live and thrive and ensure Oakville continues to be one of the most livable communities in the country."

Situated in one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario, Oakville's current hospital can no longer keep up with the needs of its growing community. Building a new healthcare facility that will not only accommodate growth but has sufficient room to expand to meet future needs, is a major step to ensuring quality healthcare is available in Oakville for many years to come.

“This really is a great day for the new Hospital and for the Oakville community,” concludes Tina Triano, CEO, Oakville Hospital Foundation. “This contribution is a significant milestone as we embark on a capital campaign to raise \$60 million to create a hospital that will set a new standard for healthcare not just in Ontario, but across the country.”

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