



## **STATEMENT**

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Vaughan, ON - Concerns have been raised by members of the public recently regarding funding disbursements from the Michael Di Biase Charitable Foundation to the Vaughan Health Care Foundation.

The Vaughan Health Care Foundation confirms that it has received a portion of proceeds raised at the annual City of Vaughan Mayor's Golf Tournaments from the Michael Di Biase Charitable Foundation.

While the Vaughan Health Care Foundation has no legal right to any funds currently held by the Michael Di Biase Charitable Foundation, it welcomes any and all donations.

Over the past several years, the Vaughan Health Care Foundation has made great strides towards expanding health care services in the Vaughan Community. Just recently, the site for Vaughan's future hospital was purchased at Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive and planning for the hospital is currently underway.

None of this progress could have been achieved without the generosity and support of our donors. As we enter the next phase of planning for Vaughan's future hospital, we appreciate the groundswell of support we have received in the past and encourage the entire Vaughan Community to come together to bring the Vaughan Health Campus of Care to life.

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**About the Vaughan Health Campus of Care:**

The Vaughan Health Campus of Care is a not-for-profit organization established to ensure that new health services in the Vaughan community are co-ordinated, aimed at a common vision of integration, innovation and excellence in health services delivery and patient care. Responsible for the strategic establishment and coordination of health care services to serve the needs of the Vaughan community, the Vaughan Health Campus of Care is working with Government to secure approvals for additional health services, including a hospital, to support its vision.

**About the Vaughan Health Care Foundation:**

In January 2003, a task force of community and civic leaders was struck to assess how best to bring additional health care resources to the community of Vaughan. This Task Force then formed The Vaughan Health Care Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity, in early 2004. Since its inception, the Foundation has been working tirelessly towards its mission – to engage the community and to raise funds to support the establishment of health care facilities and services, including a hospital, for the City of Vaughan.