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Many Accomplishments and New Beginnings Celebrated at Vaughan Health Care Foundation Gala

VAUGHAN – October 19, 2010 – At its fourth annual fundraising gala event held last Thursday, the Vaughan Health Care Foundation celebrated its success to-date and announced the appointment of the first President and CEO for the organization, Bob Baker.

“I am honoured to be working with such a committed and passionate group of community leaders who have worked tirelessly to make the dream of bringing a hospital to Vaughan a reality.” Says President and CEO, Bob Baker.

Mr. Baker is an accomplished public and charitable sector leader with over twenty-five years of experience. In recent leadership roles with local and national organizations, Bob has secured over \$150 million in major gifts to support capital campaigns. “We are thrilled to have Bob join our team,” said Sam Ciccolini, Chair of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation. “He has a big job ahead of him, and I know he will exceed our expectations.” The Vaughan Health Care Foundation will be initiating a significant capital campaign in the coming months to support the development of a hospital in Vaughan.

“Through the collaboration with York Central Hospital, the planning for Vaughan’s first hospital is progressing at a rapid pace,” says Michael DeGasperis, Chair of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care. “We are deeply invested in delivering on our commitment to build a full-service hospital in Vaughan, as soon as possible”.

The initiative with York Central Hospital anticipates the creation of a major regional health system that see one hospital administration operating two hospital sites, one in Richmond Hill, and a new hospital in Vaughan. It will provide cost effective health care for southwest York Region while at the same time taking maximum advantage of two locations to offer a variety of services and programs, closer to home.

Over 850 people were in attendance for the event at the Terrace Banquet Hall and Convention Centre on October 14th, 2010. At this year's Gala, close to \$800,000 (gross) was raised for the Vaughan Health Care Foundation, to support the establishment of Vaughan's first hospital, and other much needed health services in the community.

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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 coordinated, 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.