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Construction to Begin on Credit Valley's A and H expansion project

The Credit Valley Hospital is delighted with the long-awaited announcement that construction of A and H wing of The Credit Valley Hospital will commence in fiscal year 2007/08. The announcement, made in late August by Mississauga West MPP Bob Delaney and the Minister for Public Infrastructure Renewal, David Caplan, will allow the hospital to continue to improve and expand its facilities to meet the needs of our community.

The 275,000 square foot expansion will cost more than \$100 million and provide at least 140 additional inpatient beds for maternal/child, complex continuing care and palliative care patients.

It also includes an expanded laboratory, labour and delivery rooms, neonatal intensive care unit and an high-density radiation therapy suite.

The announcement is the result of a concerted effort by five local MPPs representing the community served by Credit Valley, led by Mississauga West MPP, Bob Delaney. Mr. Delaney, along with the Minister of Transportation, Harinder Takhar, Mississauga South MPP Tim Peterson, Mississauga East MPP, Peter Fonseca, Brampton West Mississauga MPP, Vic Dhillon and Halton MPP, Kevin Flynn has been supportive of the phase two expansion project at the hospital.

"It's no secret that our hospital has one of the busiest maternity wards in the country," according to Wayne Fyffe, president and CEO. "Our caregivers deliver close to 5,000 babies annually, in a facility designed to deliver half

that number. The completion of this project means a safer and efficient environment for new mothers and our caregivers."

He added that "the construction will significantly enhance the throughput in the emergency department. The emergency department, which sees close to 70,000 patients annually, regularly experiences "gridlock" because patients admitted to hospital via, the ER, cannot secure an inpatient bed on a nursing unit. As a result, they remain in the ER on stretchers for hours, sometimes days, waiting for the next available inpatient bed."

Hospital Board Chair, Norm Loberg said the expansion is tremendously important to the staff, physicians and volunteers caring for the patients at the hospital "who have been working in overcrowded, ill-equipped treatment and recovery space for many years.

"We look forward to imminent approvals from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure that the head-start projects associated with the A and H block expansion move swiftly into the queue. An off-site women's and children's clinic to house outpatient programs and services together with the construction of A and H block will allow us to fulfill our mandate as a regional centre for high risk maternal and child centre.

"We are also hopeful that we will receive approval to move forward with a free-standing day surgery centre that would be part of the same off-site complex, housing the women's and children's centre. Our commitment to reduce wait times for surgery depends on the creation of an off-site surgi-centre to avoid



The announcement of A and H wing has made a lot of people happy including (from left to right) chairman of the hospital board Norm Loberg, chief of emergency medicine Dr. Eric Letovsky, chief of staff Dr. Matt Gysler, chief of paediatrics Dr. Pam Coates, Mississauga West MPP Bob Delaney, foundation board chair Mike Murphy, hospital president Wayne Fyffe and the Minister of Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan.

extensive and costly renovation of the existing surgical facilities in the hospital. This centre will provide a cost-effective, patient-focused outpatient centre for day surgeries that in turn will free-up in-hospital surgical facilities for those patients requiring admission following their surgery, which in turn will allow us to increase the number of surgeries we provide."

The announcement challenges the

community to rally to action to complete an ambitious \$50 million fundraising campaign by the hospital foundation.

The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation's World Class Right Here \$50 Million Capital Campaign was launched with a lead gift of \$6 million from Mr. Carlo Fidani. To date the foundation has raised more than \$40 million towards Credit Valley's two-phase expansion.

Shorter Wait Times Make a Difference

By Wendy Johnson

In the Spring, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced a plan to reduce waiting time for some surgical procedures in designated hospitals across the province. Credit Valley agreed to do its best to reduce waiting times for hip, knee, cataract and cancer surgeries.

It has been a significant challenge for Credit Valley because of our limited number of inpatient beds -- more surgeries means we require more inpatient bed space. It's a testament to the ingenuity and commitment of our surgical team that we have been able to achieve significant results:

- Hip and Knee Surgery: 30% increase
- Cataract Surgery: 15% increase
- Cancer Surgery: 15% increase

Dr. Lance Tin, chief of surgery says the department of anaesthesia, surgery and the nursing department galvanized their efforts to meet our surgical wait time targets. "It demonstrates our ability to work together despite our 'maxed-out' environment at Credit Valley. In order to do this, we have hired extra nurses, scheduled surgical cases well after regular hours and on holidays as well as re-shuffling operating rooms. All of these things have been done at great inconvenience to other surgeons and we sincerely appreciate their cooperation."

Dr. Tin characterizes their continued efforts to reduce wait times as "a struggle", especially among the doctors and anaesthesiologists. Credit Valley recruited an additional anaesthesiologist, due in large part to the commitment to expand the surgical program to meet the increasing needs of our patient community.

It takes more money to hire additional personnel and to operate the surgical suites for a longer period of

time. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provided additional money to support the increased OR time. But Dr. Tin wonders about the sustainability of the program. "The nurses are working longer hours, the ward nurses are taking on additional surgical patients requiring high levels of care, emergency surgery cases that had been slotted into late afternoon and early evening, are now often performed after midnight."

Dr. Tin says they are looking at whatever is reasonable in order to find more OR time. "We will renovate the urology operating suite to handle general purpose surgery. That will provide us with an additional three days of OR time. We are helping anaesthesia to enhance respiratory technologist's scope of practice so that they can become anaesthesia assistants in the operating room. We are trying to streamline our patient flow to reduce patient length of stay on acute care wards."

Dr. Tin says what's critically important is to get government approval to proceed with an off-site surgi-centre. If day surgeries are performed on an outpatient basis, at a facility away from the hospital, it will free-up hospital operating rooms for the more serious surgeries that require inpatient stays.

Until that decision is made, Credit Valley has put together an internal task force to look at the serious overcrowding issue and define what else, if anything, can be done to increase surgeries to meet the government's wait time initiative, without impacting the scheduled surgeries in other areas.

Dr. Tin says the wait time strategy is a good initiative, but it does have its flaws. He says it's difficult to prioritize one medical condition over another. The best solution is to provide more hospitals or surgi-centres with more operating rooms to provide capacity for all patients in need.

Faster Patient Registration

Approximately 5,400 visitors and patients pass through The Credit Valley Hospital each day. Each year approximately 20,000 acute care in-patients are admitted to the hospital, and more than 66,000 patients are seen in the emergency department.

Credit Valley realized it needed a more efficient and adaptive patient registration processes. With more than 40 registration areas, six of which are offsite, and 163 registration users, the registration process was difficult to monitor. Without an efficient patient registration process, Credit Valley risks inaccurate patient information, so it was time to move to the forefront of automation in healthcare.

Credit Valley's automated patient registration process, possibly the first of its kind in Canada, has had great success during its pilot process. In only two months of usage, 1,259 patients have used the self-register. More than half of the patients, who have access to it, use it. Patients in the new regional cancer center can self-register at a kiosk in the patient care area. This expedites the registration process for patients who visit at least three times per week over many months. The hospital recently opened its fifth kiosk. Credit Valley will eventually install the computer kiosks in the outpatient and ambulatory care clinics, where the hospital sees the most volume of patients in a short period of time.

Without a keyboard, a patient can scan his/her health card at a kiosk. The hospital system deploys a real-time network-to-network connection with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure the patient's identity and validate the card. If they are in sync, the system automatically signs the patient into the admissions and scheduling modules and delivers paperwork to the registration desk. If the card is not valid, the system displays a message instructing the patient to see a registration clerk, who will assist them. The transaction takes 30 seconds.

This is just the tip of the new kiosk technology at Credit Valley. Eventually, patients will be able to access information about diseases and treatments with a few mouse clicks.

Synergistic Surgery – Credit Valley’s AAA Team!

By Wendy Johnson

It’s a hidden threat and potentially fatal. It’s an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) – a large ballooned blood vessel positioned below the kidneys and above the spine. Aneurysms result from a weakened arterial wall.

AAA occurs in five percent of men and one percent of women over the age of 65. A ruptured AAA is fatal in 80 to 90 percent of cases. Unfortunately, no one really knows what causes AAA. Victims are usually male, over 65, smokers, with high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries. If your brother or father had AAA, you should plan some proactive testing. Aneurysms can be detected through ultrasound screening.

Up until recently at Credit Valley, and at most hospitals around the world, an AAA was repaired using invasive surgery. A large incision is made; a lengthy operation ensues where the blood flow is clamped from above and below the aorta while the aneurysm is repaired. It’s complex surgery with potential complications to the heart, lungs, kidneys and legs. Patients undergoing the invasive technique stay in hospital seven to 10 days, followed by a recovery period of several weeks.

Credit Valley’s new aneurysm repair technique speeds recovery and is minimally invasive. It’s called EVAR – Endovascular Aortic Repair. It’s a procedure that’s only being done in selected hospitals across the country. Credit Valley is proud to be among that group.

A recently recruited physician, Dr. Stephan Mostowy, brought this technology to Credit Valley. Don’t let his looks deceive you. This young, tussle-haired vascular surgeon has enthusiastically embraced EVAR. He trained in vascular surgery at the University of Toronto and spent time in the U.K. He then completed an endovascular fellowship in Ireland to gain more experience in EVAR repair. He arrived at Credit Valley in February to gather his new team of experts and start up the endovascular program.

The EVAR technique is performed through two tiny incisions in the groin to access the femoral vessels. Using x-ray guidance, the EVAR team threads the collapsed covered stent graft over wires within the aorta. They then redirect



CVH EVAR team includes Dr. Richard O’Connor, Dr. Emilio Rodriguez-Marin, Dr. Stephan Mostowy, Dr. Claudio Cina from Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, Cecilia Cheng RN, Dr. Marc Pope, Dr. Cuong Tran, Sandy Hunter RN. (Missing from photo: Carole Lake RN)

blood-flow through the endograft and thus exclude the aortic aneurysm and reduce the risk of rupture.

Once the EVAR technique is completed, the patient stays overnight in the intensive care unit. Then the patient is moved to the ward and goes home the next day. Within a short time, the patient is back to normal activities. As the technology improves, the patient will go home even sooner!

Dr. Mostowy says he’s fortunate to be performing this procedure at Credit Valley. “Our AAA team has a unique synergy. Unlike larger teaching centres, where medical specialists work within individual silos, Credit Valley encourages a team-approach. We have a team of highly skilled interventional radiologists, Dr. Emilio Rodriguez-Marin and Dr. Cuong Tran, nurses, Cecilia Cheng and Carole Lake and fellow vascular surgeon, Dr. Richard O’Connor. Together, we plan each and every patient procedure. Our radiologists have special skills that add further expertise. We are grateful to Dr. Claudio Cina, vascular professor at Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, for his collaboration with us to ensure the successful

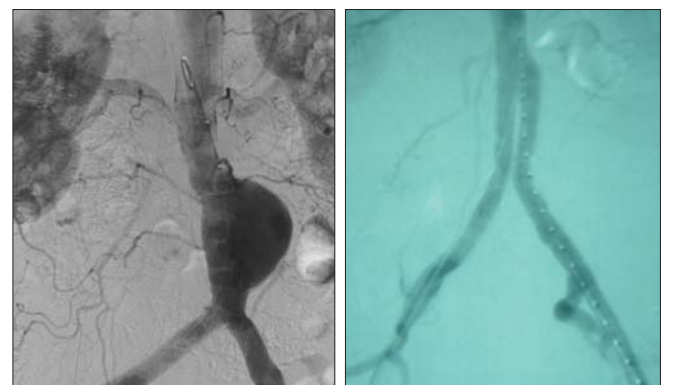
start of our program. Our Credit Valley team is unmatched!”

Dr. Mostowy and the EVAR team began performing these surgeries in September, getting more confident and efficient with every procedure. “We’re becoming a symphony – every instrument has its place. We train together, we work together and what’s even more gratifying, we have the administrative support we need to do the job.”

He says many hospitals have shied away from this technique because of the up-front costs associated with the special x-ray table, c-arm and the cost of the stents. But he says the apprehension is short-sighted. The less invasive surgery offered by the EVAR technique significantly reduces patient risk and hospital costs for ICU and longer length of stay.

Dr. Mostowy reminds us that “EVAR is an evolving technology, that right now, is only being used on those patients who are at higher risk with good anatomy, who have had the good fortune to have had their aneurysm detected before it burst. Down the road, we plan to be able to help patients with EVAR who present to our emergency with a ruptured AAA. We hope to significantly increase the survival rate in this group of patients.”

Credit Valley is enthusiastically embracing this new technology to serve our vascular patients with AAA – as our ongoing commitment to provide world class care.



Before EVAR surgery.

After stent has been inserted.

CVH Part of “Safer Healthcare Now!”

Safer Healthcare Now! is a national campaign by impassioned Canadian health leaders committed to taking action on the frontlines in order to successfully improve patient safety. In Canada, 7.5% of patients admitted to acute care settings experience adverse events.

The Safer Healthcare Now! initiative challenges participating acute care healthcare facilities to work together on six key strategies for improvement. The targeted strategies will improve care for a wide variety of patients. They include people who have experienced a heart attack or had surgery as well as those in an intensive care unit who breathe with the help of a ventilator.

The strategies are:

- Deploy Rapid Response Teams for patients in progressive decline outside a critical care setting.
- Consistently deliver evidence-based care to reduce mortality following acute myocardial infarction
- Introduce medication reconciliation to prevent adverse drug events
- Prevent central line infections
- Prevent surgical site infections
- Prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia

Although these are the first six strategies to be implemented, over time, the initiative will move beyond the acute care sector.

Credit Valley is proud to be among the 63 Ontario healthcare organizations participating in this national initiative. Six multidisciplinary teams have been formed to work together to develop strategies to improve patient safety in our hospital.

In the next issue of *A Credit To Your Health*, we will report on our progress to date.

World Class Microscopic Eye Surgery

By Wendy Johnson

“If you’re doing a procedure the same way you did it six months ago, then you’re not keeping up as you should.”

Those words of wisdom from Dr. Ike Ahmed’s mentor are words he has chosen to live by and it shows. He is recognized by his colleagues around the world as a leader in surgical techniques and technology. Patients who have reached a dead end in their quest for improved vision travel from near and far for treatment in one of three state of the art office/operating theatres.

Dr. Ahmed chose Credit Valley as his hospital home-base.

When he arrived four years ago, the operating theatre was equipped with cutting-edge technology so that he could perform eye surgery on the highest risk patients with glaucoma and cataracts. His procedures have won him renown among his peers. He travels two and three times every month to far away places to demonstrate his technique in operating rooms around the world and to high profile lecture circuits.

His videography of his new techniques has netted ten golden statues that bear an uncanny resemblance to the Oscars. They’re called “Oscars”...the closest thing to an Oscar an ophthalmologist can receive – given as recognition of excellence at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) Film Festival. A sample of his work is available for viewing at www.mst-surgical.com.

He has invented a slew of tiny micro-instruments such as one millimeter wide forceps or tongs and micro scissors to assist him in fine suture work for the most delicate of eye surgeries. He says he is an inventor out of necessity. “In order to take eye surgery to the next level you need the right instruments. It usually takes about one year to go from my sketches to engineering the instruments, refining them and then testing them in the OR. Computer animation and design allows me to continually refine designs.”

Because of these instruments, Dr. Ahmed has been able to perform risky cataract surgery attaching “floating rings” to the

outer edges of the eye that were dislodged as a result of ocular lens implant surgery.

Because of his interest in new technologies, medical industry regularly provide him with the newest inventions for clinical trials.

“Right now, I’m testing an MRI-like machine specially designed for the eye to provide scans of the front chamber of the eye, one of the most difficult body organs to examine. This gives me a “real-time” picture of the inner eye which will help me to detect problems before they are clinically evident. This will be especially useful in glaucoma cases, to prevent damage from disease that you can’t see clinically in the early stages.”

Many of the patients he sees come to him after all other avenues have been exhausted and there is literally no hope of an improvement. He refers to a male patient he saw just prior to this interview. “He had a very bleak outlook. We tried a new procedure – two hours of work under a microscope -- and now, after twenty to thirty years of bad vision, he’s had his vision restored. He was reading the lowest level of the eye chart. It was a very emotional experience for us all.”

Not every procedure goes as smoothly as he would like. Dr. Ahmed videotapes all of his

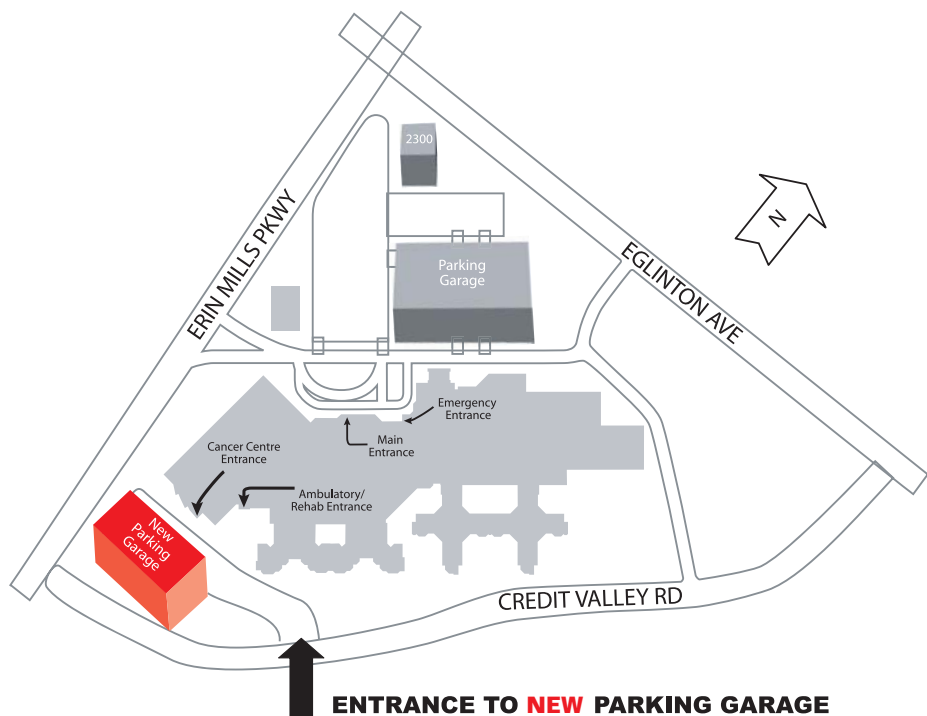
operations and reviews every step of the operation. “I can see how I can do things a little better next time. I document everything on video and I use them to teach others the techniques.”

Although his expertise and presentations take him away several times each month, Dr. Ahmed isn’t planning on leaving for greener pastures! He says the grass is green-enough right here in his own backyard. “Credit Valley offers the best of both worlds – a high-end academic focus with my alliance with the University of Toronto and access to cutting edge technology right in the midst of a community care facility. CVH allows us to move forward with new benchmarking techniques and clinical work much faster than we’d be able to in another more bureaucratic setting. In the end, we’re all physicians caring for the patients living in our community.”



“Oscar”-winning eye surgeon Dr. Ike Ahmed

More Parking at Credit Valley!



Cancer, rehabilitation and ambulatory care patients park here!

Why waste time searching for a parking spot in the hospital's main lot?
The new parking garage is convenient and is much closer to your appointment!
There are plenty of parking spaces available!

Parking is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday
Cash only

Wayne's World



WAYNE FYFFE
President & CEO

Phase II construction to further expand CVH to meet your needs - to reduce wait times for ER care and surgery and to expand our labour and delivery suites and neonatal intensive care unit to accommodate record volumes of births - is the big news since our last edition. We are very grateful to our local MPP Bob Delaney and to the provincial government for their support and approval of this much needed expansion.

CVH has been ready to tender construction since May 2004. For a

variety of reasons, government approval does not allow us to begin construction any earlier than April 2007. We expect it will take at least two years to complete the project. So what do we do for the next four years?

Some of the answers to that question are contained in this edition of *A Credit to Your Health*. We are fortunate to have received substantial new funding from the provincial government's Wait Time Strategy program. We will do our best to reduce the wait time for surgery and MRI diagnostic procedures (a second MRI is being installed now, thanks to a generous donation from the WB Foundation).

We are also fortunate to have recruited some highly-skilled surgeons and other clinical staff, some of whom are featured in this publication.

Our staff are wonderful and they work in difficult and stressful conditions due to the shortage of inpatient beds to recover from surgery, or to be admitted after being seen in the ER. We will continue to make investments in technology and to renovate our operating rooms and other spaces. The really significant progress, however, awaits the completion of Phase II in 2009.



Challenges Facing Young Women

Ms. National Canada 2005, Tracey Guthrie, shown here with Dr. Sheldon Fine at the opening of The Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre, is using her position to be an advocate and, in her words, "a megaphone" to promote challenges that young women with breast cancer are facing. First diagnosed in 1997, Tracey soon discovered that there

were few, if any, programs that recognized the unique challenges of cancer patients under the age of 45. Much of her work centres around giving this group of women a louder voice as well as making others aware that the disease in this age group is on the rise. To find out more about Tracey's message you can visit her website at www.booblesbabes.com

Community Education Returns to Credit Valley

Credit Valley's popular community education series featuring specialists on various health conditions is back! In the past, series topics have included obesity, cancer, paediatric and women's and men's health issues.

If you would like your name added to our community health education mailing list, please provide us with your mailing and/or e-mail address by calling our RSVP line at 905-813-4480.

Your Health Care Be Involved

- Be involved in your health care. Speak up if you have questions or concerns about your care.
- Tell a member of your health care team about your past illnesses and your current health condition.
- Bring all of your medicines with you when you go to the hospital or to a medical appointment.
- Tell a member of your health care team if you have ever had an allergic or bad reaction to any medicine or food.
- Make sure you know what to do when you go home from the hospital or from your medical appointment.

Funding for this project was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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Patient Safety Support Service

New Chief of Staff for Credit Valley

Dr. Matt Gysler is Credit Valley's new chief of medical staff. He took over his duties on September 1st from Dr. Barbara Clive who spent the last ten years as chief of the medical staff.

Prior to this new appointment, Dr. Gysler held the position of chief of obstetrics and gynaecology, a position he held since 2000. He has been a very active member of the medical staff serving on several internal and external

committees including those of the Child Health Network and the International Advisory board, Recombinant FSH, Serono (of Geneva). He is also medical director of the ISIS Regional Fertility Center, a clinic specializing in providing fertility programs to the residents of Peel.

He is an assistant professor at the University of Toronto in the department of obstetrics and gynaecology.



Dr. Matt Gysler

Laurie Williamson Donates Car for Credit Valley Raffle



Win this 2005 Pontiac Sunfire. All proceeds benefit The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation.

It's a win-win situation when you play Credit Valley's exciting car raffle this fall. You can win a new 2005 Pontiac Sunfire SF, donated by Laurie Williamson Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd. of Mississauga and help Credit Valley reach \$50 million in its *World Class Right Here* campaign. There are only 3500 tickets available for sale. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The draw will take place at our annual gala on Friday, February 10, 2006 although raffle ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets available at The Credit Valley Hospital or Call Satwinder Sangha at 905-813-1100 extension 5993.



Dedicated Credit Valley supporter, Mr. Gul Nawaz.

Gul Nawaz Rallies Support with his Canada Pakistan Friendship Association

It is impossible to list all of Mississauga resident Gul Nawaz's personal, professional, and philanthropic accomplishments in this limited space but suffice it to say, Mr. Nawaz exemplifies leadership in everything he does. Driven to make an on-going positive difference, he founded the Canada Pakistan Friendship Association. Their vision is to transform and unite the entire community through the power of friendship and by actively serving the community. Through the

work of his association, Mr. Nawaz has become a dedicated ambassador for Credit Valley channeling his energy and talent to generate awareness and funds for Credit Valley's \$50 Million *World Class Right Here* Capital Campaign. Through parties in his home to simply urging his friends and colleagues to give Mr. Nawaz has raised more than \$270,000 in a few short months. The foundation sincerely appreciates his dedication to expanding our community of Credit Valley supporters.

We Salute The Roots of Our Community

Every year, dedicated philanthropists and community members organize special events that raise funds for Credit Valley. This year, the foundation is pleased to honour our 56 Roots of Our Community members made up of local individuals, service clubs, schools and businesses. Their successful fundraising efforts raised more than \$500,000 for Credit Valley! The foundation is sincerely grateful for their commitment and enthusiastic support of world class health care for our community.

Knights of Columbus Districts 53 & 89
Lions Club -Mississauga Central
Lions Club -Mississauga Cooksville
Lions Club -Streetsville
Longo's Family Charitable Foundation
McDonalds McHappy Day
Meadowvale Minor Hockey League
Mentor Educational Inc.
Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals & Businesses
Mississauga Canoe Club
Dragon Boat Race
Mississauga Convention Centre Foundation
The Rainbow Ball
Mississauga Firefighters Benevolent Fund
Mississauga Marathon
Norina's Wish
O.P.P. Highway Rangers East
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary School
Pakistani Independence Day Celebration
RJ Multi Litho
Rotary Club of Mississauga City Centre
Rotary Club of Mississauga West
Royal Canadian Legion # 582
Royal Canadian Legion # 82
Sandra Morris Teddy Bear Tree
Scotiabank Charity Golf Tournament
Senior Tamils Society of Peel
Sheridan Centre
Sidler Group Golf Tournament
Smooth Jazz The Wave 94.7 FM
South Asian Community Council -Peel
Streetsville Children's Centre
Streetsville Pipes & Drums
Swing For The Cure
Tim Hortons
Tony's No Frills
Ukrainian Youth Association
Golf Tournament

Army Navy & Air Force Veterans Unit 262
Bernard's Run
Beyond The Tee Golf Tournament
The Cabaret Group
Canada Pakistan Friendship Association
Cancer Answer Fund
Cardiac Walkathon
City of Mississauga
Building Division Golf Tournament
Club Meadowvale Aerobathon
Crafted Décor
Credit Valley Golf & Country Club
Credit Valley Ladies Bridge Club
The Credit Valley Hospital's
Dragon Boat Team
Erin Mills Town Centre
Governors' Cup Golf Tournament
The Healing Cycle
Jack Wyatt Invitational Golf Tournament
Jim Jones Memorial Golf Tournament
JK Chilly Willy Golf
Kiwanis Club -Mississauga South
Knights of Columbus -
Credit Valley Council #8661
Knights of Columbus -
Sts. Peter & Paul Council 11337

Springtime in Paris Gala

Presented by AstraZeneca

The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation cordially invites you to attend the Springtime in Paris Gala – a special black tie evening of joy, elegance, and entertainment on Friday, February 10th, 2006. Early bird ticket pricing until December 31, 2005 is \$3,500 for a table of 10 or \$350 for a single ticket. As of January 1, 2006, a table of 10 is \$4,000 and a single ticket \$400. Benefactor tables are available at \$6,000 where you will enjoy preferred seating, parking, and coat check in addition to your table concierge service. Contact Henry Chiu at 905-813-1100 ext 5048 or hchiu@cvh.on.ca to reserve early!

By mid-February we will all be ready for an atmosphere of Springtime in Paris!



Thanks FORE Your Support!

Golfers marked the end of their golfing season by raising more than \$80,000 at the DirectProtect Annual Charity Golf Classic in support of The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation. Norma Bandler, president of The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation said, "It's the

collective efforts of our community that will help us reach our \$50 million *World Class Right Here* campaign goal. Thanks to DirectProtect Group, Office Link, Discount Car and Truck Rentals, TransAmerica, Farrow Partnership Architects Inc. and The Mississauga News.

Support Your Community Events

Knight for Hope: A Musical Extravaganza

The Knights of Columbus will host a musical concert in support of Credit Valley starring Michael Burgess with performances by Debi Sander Walker and Michael Ciufu. Friday November 4, 2005 at The Living Arts Centre. Tickets are \$50 each available at the Living Arts Centre Box Office, 905-306-6100.

Volunteers Partners Christmas Craft Sale

The Credit Valley Hospital Volunteers Partners Annual Christmas Craft Sale is sure to get you into the holiday spirit. Don't miss it! St. Aloysius Secondary School, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Volunteer Partners Christmas Raffle

Over 50 prizes to be won. Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5. All monies raised supports The Carlo Fidani Peel Regional Cancer Centre. Call volunteer resources at 905-813-1585.

Mississauga Marathon

Don't let the word "marathon" intimidate you. With options like Corporate Relay Challenge, 10K Student Relay, 2K Family Fun Run/Walk, and of course, a full marathon, everyone can participate in the annual Mississauga Marathon and raise funds for Credit Valley. Register for the race to receive your pledge form and then simply request your family, friends, and co-workers support you. May 13 and 14, 2006. For more information, or to register, please contact Mississauga Marathon at 905-949-2931 or info@mississaugamarathon.com

I Wish to Support The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation!

Help us complete our \$50 million World Class Right Here Campaign

Please call 905-813-4123 or visit www.cvh.on.ca

We thank you for your generosity.



This year, The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation honoured 56 groups in the Roots of Our Community program.