



381 Church Street, P.O. Box 1800  
Markham, Ontario, L3P 7P3  
905-472-7000  
www.msh.on.ca

# VITALITY



## Upcoming Events:

• MSH 2001 Legacy Learn-to-Run Clinic: February 19 - April 9, 2001; 6:00-7:30 p.m., Hospital Auditorium

• Department of Family Practice Community Events: April 10 and October 9, 2001.

• MSH Board of Directors Information Night: March 6, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Hospital Auditorium

• April 6, 2001: Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Gala, Le Parc Dining and Banquet Centre

• April 24, 2001: Organ Donation Presentation, at 7 p.m. Hospital Auditorium

• April 29, 2001: Legacy 5 Km Run/Walk, 10 a.m. Markham Green Golf Club

• June 10, 2001: Hip Hip Hooray Walk, Registration at 9:30 a.m., Walk at 11:00 a.m. at Richmond Green Community Centre

• June 23, 2001: Bill Hood Annual Cornfield Shindig

• August 13, 2001: MSH Foundation Annual Golf Tournament, York Downs Golf & Country Club

## What's New?

### Infant Hearing Screening and Communication Development Program

In December 2000, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced new funding of \$6.7 million for a new Infant Hearing Screening and Communication Development Program. The York Region Preschool Speech and Language Program (YRPSLP), administered by Markham Stouffville Hospital will be the lead agency for this initiative for both York and Durham regions.

The new program will provide universal screening of all infants at birth, and if necessary, an audiology assessment, and follow-up support and services. The screening process will be two staged. Stage 1 will screen all healthy babies (those who spend less than 48 hours in the neo-natal intensive care unit (NICU)) and babies who are at risk (those who spend over 48 hours in the NICU). High-risk babies will be monitored every 6 months, until they reach 3 years of age as they are at risk for a progressive hearing loss. Stage 2 will be a community screen for all infants who failed stage 1 or missed stage 1 screening. An audiology assessment will follow a failure on the stage 2 screen. The audiology will use prescribed equipment and follow a specific procedure protocol, and as required, an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) assessment. Follow-up support services will include counselling, assistive technology (e.g. hearing aid), and communication development.

A subcommittee (of the York Region Preschool Speech & Language System Advisory Committee) will be formed to plan for and steer the direction of this new initiative in York Region. The subcommittee will be working closely with hospitals, community health agencies, schools, and physicians. For more information on this program, call Susan Sheffield, Manager, YRPSLP at 905-472-7373, ext. 6558.



New funding of \$6.7 million for the infant Hearing Screening and Communication Development Program.

## Hospital Facts And Figures

Population Served:	Over 218,000
Population Growth Rate:	14% (Year 2000 to 2006)
Hospital Budget:	\$69 million (2000/01)
Staffing:	1,200 employees
Volunteers:	560
Summer Students:	230
Births:	2,560 (projected)
Emergency Room Visits:	37,995 (projected)
CT Scans:	9,267
Laboratory Tests:	972,892
Adult Outpatient Mental Health:	10,292
Child & Adolescent Family Services:	2,369

## Understanding Depression

Offered to the community through the Outpatient Mental Health. To register, please call 905-472-7011.

- What is Depression? - Apr 10
- Coping Strategies - Mar 6, Apr 17
- Family and Depression - Mar 13 and Apr 24
- Treatment and Medications - Mar 20 and May 1
- Kids Learn about Depression - Mar 27 and May 8

## Legacy 5 KM Walk/Run

The 4th Annual Legacy 5 Km Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, April 29th, 2001 at 10:00am at the Markham Green Golf Club in the Legacy community (9th line & 14th Ave). This year has raised over \$8,000 last year to the cardiac equipment fund at Markham Stouffville Hospital. It is open to EVERYONE in the community. For more information please contact (905) 472-7373 ext 3777.

## Community Fundraising Events

Many Community Groups have held fundraisers over the past year, these fundraisers show that our community members have a strong belief in the services and programs offered by the Hospital. This is most encouraging for the many volunteers and staff at Markham Stouffville Hospital who are dedicated to serving our patients.

In December, Peter Markle, D.D.S. held a raffle for a garden lamp. This raffle raised \$250 for the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation. Pictured is the lucky winner Doreen White & Peter Markle D.D.S.



Here are some details about upcoming fundraisers:

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Bill Hood Cornfield Shindig. The Shindig will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at Markham Fairgrounds!



Last year's Shindig Raised \$14,246 towards the purchase of a Fetal Monitor.

Pictured above is Jim Hood presenting the cheque to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation President, Gina Rosen and Molly Court, Director of Maternal Child System.

If you would like more information on hosting a Community Fundraising event, please contact Kathy Downes, Special Event Co-ordinator at (905) 472-7395 or kdownes@msh.on.ca

## Volunteers Required

On Friday April 6, 2001 the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation annual Gala will be held at Le Parc. The theme for this year's Gala is "On Safari".

Volunteers are required to help from 5pm-1am. There are various shifts available. These positions would be suitable for Senior High School Students or adults. A lovely dinner will be provided to those who work the dinner shift.

Please help us make this the most successful Gala yet. For more information or to Volunteer please call Valerie Sheppard at (905) 472-7059.

## Call for Nominations for The Friendship Garden

The Friendship Garden at Markham Stouffville Hospital honours extraordinary voluntary contributions to the Hospital made by individuals, organizations and businesses. Recognition is awarded for exceptional service, outstanding acts of kindness and humanitarianism, and for significant monetary contribution.

The Garden was officially opened on September 7, 2000 and is part of our Donor Recognition Program. The inductees into the garden are honoured with their names on plaques throughout the Garden.

We are now accepting submissions for induction into the garden this spring. The submission deadline is March 31, 2001.

For nomination packages, please contact The Foundation Office at (905) 472-7059.