

# York Region home to many \$100G earners

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Talk about working long hours. York Region Police homicide Det Stephen Rushton put in about 1,500 hours of overtime last year — pushing his salary over \$100,000.

"It was our busiest year since the region has been incorporated," he said, adding there were 14 homicides in the region in 2002.

Ontario public sector workers' salaries were released Monday, as required by provincial law. Mr. Rushton was the only detective in York Region who earned more than \$100,000, receiving \$110,729 in salary and \$217 in taxable benefits.

Retired police chief Robert Middaugh earned \$156,455 last year and \$3,404 in taxable benefits, compared to \$153,387 in 2001 and \$5,992 in benefits before retiring.

Last year, 50 employees working for York Region earned more than \$100,000, compared to 39 in 2001.

"Our salaries have to be competitive," a regional spokesperson said, adding the region has to compete with other regions and the private sector.

One of the high wage earners was Helena Jaczek, the commissioner of health services and the medical officer of health, who earned \$152,040 and \$8,877 in benefits.

Regional chairperson Bill Fisch earned \$142,843 and \$9,408 in benefits last year, up from \$139,799 in salary

and \$9,070 in benefits in 2001.

Five employees of Southlake Regional Health Centre earned more than \$100,000, including president Dan Carrière, who earned \$240,000 and \$57,597 in taxable benefits. Dale Evans, a registered nurse, received \$101,446 and \$13,272 in benefits.

Sixteen employees from York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill were on the list. The highest earner was John Doucet, clinical director of laboratory medicine, who earned \$299,076 and \$1,049 in benefits.

Markham Stouffville Hospital had seven employees who earned more than \$100,000, including Dr. Jim Maclean, president and CEO, who earned \$243,457 and \$8,913 in benefits.

At York Region District School Board, 22 employees earned more than \$100,000 while at the Catholic District School Board, 10 employees earned more than \$100,000.

York Region municipalities employees earning \$100,000-plus include:

- 26 in Richmond Hill, including top earner chief administrative officer David Weldon, who earned \$170,775 and \$8,857 in benefits;

- 23 in Markham, including chief administrative officer John Livey, who earned \$168,129 and \$9,028 in benefits;

- One Whitchurch-Stouffville employee, treasurer/administrator Nicholas Kristoffy, who earned \$108,335 and \$986 in benefits.

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"It feels good" says Evan MacDonald. Evan, owner of the Village Grocer, along with his wife Cathy, is the Presenting Sponsor of the prestigious Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Gala Dinner for the third consecutive year.

The Gala's theme this year is "Come Sail Away" and the halls of the Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham Convention Centre and Spa will be decorated to fit the occasion.

The Gala is set for Saturday, April 12th in the Don Cousens Room. It starts at 6:00 p.m. with a reception and an awesome silent auction. Black tie is optional.

The Village Grocer has pledged \$25,000.00 again this year as the Presenting Sponsor, which is the top level of support for the Gala.

noted Gina Rosen, President of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation. (Two Platinum Sponsors were profiled in the Markham Economist & Sun and the Stouffville Sun-Tribune last Thursday).

Evan and Cathy first opened the Village Grocer in 1986 and it has since become a fixture in the community of Unionville. "But it was a



natural for Evan: he moved to the area 41 years ago, so he has been a very long time member of the Markham/Unionville community.

Evan gives back to the community. He is a faithful contributor to the Canadian Breast Cancer Society and many other charities, as well as numerous sports teams, which he sponsors and sometimes coaches. "Our big achievement, however, is through the Unionville Slo-Pitch League, which has raised and donated to the Hospital \$250,000.00.

This has been the work of many and it represents a truly unique achievement in the

realm of sport leagues," says Evan.

"I play lots of hockey and baseball and love the recreational aspect of living in a smaller community and getting to know the people I play with," says Evan.

As for being the presenting sponsor of the Hospital Gala, he notes, "I like doing it. It seems like the right thing to do." Going a step further, Evan says that "the community has

supported us in a big way and it's cool to help out and share the proceeds of success. The Hospital Foundation has been an easy choice. If you live in a smaller town, you want to do things to help out, and from a business perspective, you want to do something that allows your customers to feel you're a meaningful part of the community."

"It's a sell-out every year at over 900 people" says Gina, and a financial success too; last year it netted \$294,000.00.

Of Evan and Cathy, Gina states "They are incredible supporters of the community and in

particular, our Hospital. We are proud and appreciative that they have chosen to support us and that we are able to recognize their generosity. We want everyone to know!"

This year's silent auction features some "really wonderful, exciting and unusual items" she said, with some very exciting items up for grabs during the live auction following dinner.

For example, at the live auction, you can bid on throwing the first pitch at a Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. How about a trip for six to an estate home in Florida, limo transport to Miami for a week's sailing on a 46 yacht? There's also a dinner for 10, to be prepared in your home by the Executive Chef, Donovan Campbell, of the Angus Glen Country Club, with food supplied by The Village Grocer and served by the Hospital President, Dr. Jim MacLean and the Foundation President, Gina Rosen.

"Come Sail Away" will feature not only dinner and the silent and live auctions, but also some light entertainment and Rodney's famous oyster bar — always a hit!

Please note that this wonderful event is always a sell out!

For questions about sponsorship or tickets to the Gala, please call Andrea Guarino, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Special Events Co-ordinator at 905-472-7395.