

Hilton Suites Markham Donates \$500,000 to Markham Stouffville Hospital

MARKHAM - Herman and Marya Grad, owners of the Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham Conference Centre & Spa, have taken community support to a new level. They recently announced a \$500,000 donation to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation on behalf of the hotel, located at Highway #7 and Warden Avenue.

The Grads designated their gift to the Markham Site's Emergency Department, which is identified as a high-priority area for redevelopment. Once completed, this expansion will help the Hospital maintain its excellent service to the growing populations of Markham and Stouffville.

"The Hilton's generosity will help the Hospital to keep pace with the rapidly-growing community," said Janet M. Beed, President and CEO of Markham Stouffville Hospital. "The Hilton Suites in Markham is a caring and supportive corporate friend."

"After discussing the Hospital's wonderful reputation with Marya and our staff, we decided to ask the Hospital to designate our donation to the Emergency Department," said Mr. Grad. "We feel that this will help the most people and make the greatest impact on the community."

When the successful Torontonian was asked why he chose to make such a generous contribution to the Markham community, he replied: "I have seen this community grow, and I have grown with the community. Markham is a friendly place, and feels like family to me."

Mr. Grad's family has owned land in Markham for forty years, and he has witnessed the population explode. He believes that local businesses have a responsibility to help improve their community.

The Grad family has a history of generosity in the community. Mrs. Grad volunteers her time as a Vice-Chair of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. The Town of Markham recognized Mr. Grad's philanthropic actions in the community with the Anthony Roman Award.

Hilton Suites General Manager Daniel Mathew explained that the employees continually support four or five local charities through various fundraising initiatives each year.

Mr. Grad modestly described his desire to give: "The only reason to give is to help others. Real charity comes from the heart without expecting anything in return."



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Left to Right: Herman and Marya Grad with Hilton Suites General Manager, Daniel Mathew.



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