

TACC Construction Ltd. Donates \$1,000,000 to Markham Stouffville Hospital



BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:
Michael, Carlo, Angie
and Silvio DeGasperis.

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:
Grace, Giovanni, Anna
and Ada DeGasperis.

TACC Construction Ltd., owned by the DeGasperis family (pictured at left), has donated over \$1.1 million to the Hospital.

Giovanni DeGasperis (far right) with sons (left to right) Silvio, Carlo and Michael, in the MRI Centre.

MARKHAM - The DeGasperis family, owners of TACC Construction Ltd. recently announced a \$1 million gift to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation - the largest donation in Hospital history. Giovanni, Silvio, Carlo and Michael, who together operate the family-owned business have decided to designate the funds to MRI services.

"So much of what we do at TACC revolves around building neighbourhoods where families can thrive and grow," commented Silvio DeGasperis. "Knowing that our support of Markham Stouffville Hospital's MRI helps provide the community with access to this essential service is the perfect compliment to our philanthropic aims."

The Hospital received its MRI machine in January of 2005. It has since reduced the wait time for MRI from eight months to the current average of about two weeks - the lowest wait time for this service in Ontario.

"On behalf of everyone at Markham Stouffville Hospital Corporation, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Giovanni, Silvio, Carlo and Michael DeGasperis and TACC Construction for such a generous gift," commented Janet M. Beed, President and CEO of Markham Stouffville Hospital Corporation. "TACC has played an important role in making this service possible to our community."

Through this donation, the DeGasperis Family chose to honour former Markham Mayor Don Cousens.

In addition, Silvio, Carlo and Michael also chose to honour their parents Giovanni and Anna. The Centre will be named the Don Cousens MRI Centre generously donated by Giovanni and Anna DeGasperis.

When asked of the decision to avoid mention of themselves in the Centre's name, Silvio DeGasperis said: "Don Cousens has always displayed a genuine concern for this community and Markham is very fortunate to have known leadership such as his for so many years. He is an inspiration and we believe he deserves this honour for his incredible commitment to the well-being of the Markham community."

Mr. DeGasperis proceeded to explain the intention in honouring their parents. "Our parents came to Canada for a better life for our family. York Region has been very kind to us, and without this kindness, we would not have experienced such success and happiness here. This community embraced us and now it is our turn to give back on behalf of our parents, who made our success possible."

The Hospital will hold a special recognition ceremony at the Don Cousens MRI Centre to publicly thank the DeGasperis family and TACC Construction for their continued generosity.



The MRI Centre will be named in honour of former Markham Mayor, Don Cousens (pictured above), as well as Giovanni and Anna DeGasperis.



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Silvio DeGasperis, TACC Construction Ltd.