

Gala raises \$550K for expansion of hospital

The annual Markham Stouffville Hospital gala, Le Cirque Ball, raised more than \$550,000 April 1 in support of the hospital expansion.

More than 850 guests attended the event at the Hilton Suites in Markham and the gala secured a record number of corporate and community sponsors in its 20-year history.

All proceeds will benefit the

hospital's \$50-million "We Are Growing Together" campaign, the largest in the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation history.

The expansion will double the hospital's existing space, increase the number of inpatient beds and operating rooms, expand the emergency department and outpatient clinics, and increase capacity for diagnostic screening and testing.

For more information on the hospital expansion, go to <http://www.msh.on.ca/expansion>

Golf tourney helps school upgrade facilities

Last year, Willowgrove Primary School carried out renovations to its facility and adjoining site.

This year, the Whitchurch-Stouffville school hopes to continue with the initiative.

Performing this task, though, will require some much-needed funding.

As a means of generating capital to continue with what work needs to be done, Willowgrove will host

the annual Willowgrove Golf Tournament at Angus Glen Golf Club in Unionville June 4.

Close to \$27,000 was raised from last year's event, said Heather Thistle, a tournament spokesperson.

That mark, she pointed out, was a record since the tournament's inception.

Funds raised from this year's event, as determined by the board fundraising committee, will continue to be utilized toward upgrading Willowgrove's site facilities and a new multipurpose building that is to include a gymnasium.

For those wishing to take part in this year's event, which has a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, the day will include a day of golf followed by an evening of dinner, auctions and live entertainment.

Willowgrove is on the Whitchurch-Stouffville/Markham border, on McCowan Road south of Stouffville Road.

For registration or sponsorship information, contact Heather Thistle at 905-201-1180 or e-mail her at: thistles@rogers.com. For more information on the school, go to www.willowgrove.ca/

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