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# First \$2 million Donation for Markham Stouffville Hospital from Liberty Development Corporation

**Markham, ON** (July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011) – Liberty Development Corporation contributes \$2 million towards Markham Stouffville Hospital's expansion project. Together with their families and colleagues, Liberty principals Fred Darvish, Latif Fazel and Brendan Murphy celebrated this milestone gift at a reception hosted by the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

For more than two decades, community involvement and philanthropy have been key corporate principles for Liberty Development and annually they support various organizations and causes with financial contributions. The donation to Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation is the biggest single donation Liberty Development has made to date.

"As Community Developers, we value vital local institutions like Markham Stouffville Hospital that are providing care to many Liberty customers every day," says Fred Darvish, Founder and President of Liberty Development Corporation. "For decades, Liberty has built landmark projects in Markham and we have seen first-hand the valuable services and quality care the dedicated men and women of Markham Stouffville Hospital provide."

In recognition of their generous gift towards the Hospital expansion, an area within Markham Stouffville Hospital's Emergency Department will be named the "Liberty Development Emergency Green Zone".

"This is the first \$2 million donation in the history of our Hospital," says Suzette Strong, CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation. "Liberty's milestone donation is a very important part of our fundraising success."

### **Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Overview**

Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation exists to support the Hospital's mandate of providing compassionate, patient-centered care. Building a hospital is a partnership between the hospital, government and the community – each playing a significant role. All medical equipment is funded through donations from the community. Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation must raise \$50 million to support the expansion of the hospital as it continues to provide excellent quality care to the community.

## **Liberty Development Corporation Overview**

Liberty Development Corporation is a full service real estate development company. It is a leading developer of commercial, office, and residential buildings in the Greater Toronto Area. The principals of Liberty have over 30 years of hands-on experience in the development and construction industries. Liberty brings expertise in land assembly, development, design and construction, sales and property

management. It maintains excellent working relationships with various municipalities as well as professional consultants and trades involved in each project.



#### **Photo Caption:**

Liberty Development Corporation unveils a plaque, naming the "Emergency Green Zone" in honour of their generous \$2 million gift towards Markham Stouffville Hospital's expansion.

**Left to Right:** Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Brendan Murphy, Sr. Vice President, Liberty Development Corp.; Latif Fazel, CEO, Liberty Development Corp.; Suzette Strong, CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation; Mark Lievonen, Chair, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation; Janet Beed, President and CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital; Hon. Peter Kent, Minister of The Environment; Fred Darvish, President, Liberty Development Corp.; and Peter Mason, Vice Chair, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

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