

Osler invitational golf tournament sets record, raising over \$467,354

A sell-out field of more than 270 golfers teed off at the 10th annual Osler Open: Brampton Invitational golf tournament held June 6, at Lionhead Golf Club in Brampton in support of William Osler Health System Foundation.

The event raised \$467,354 toward the redevelopment and equipment needs at the new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness and Brampton Civic Hospital. It was supported by Orlando Corporation's historic \$15 million Matching Challenge. Since 2007, the Osler Open golf tournament has raised more than \$1.7 million for health care improvements in Brampton.

"We had a great turn out and superior weather for this year's golf outing, and most importantly, the tournament has helped raise awareness and funds for the many programs and services that patients rely on at Osler," Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew commented. "On behalf of all the people whose lives are touched by Osler's hospitals, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our organizing committee, Mayor Linda Jeffrey together with our exceptional presenting sponsors, CCV and Friends, Mattamy and DG Group, who helped make this year's annual golf tournament a tremendous success."

Jeffrey, a special guest at the tournament, came out to show her support for renewal and expansion projects at Osler's hospitals.

"Brampton's population is currently closing in on 600,000 residents. Our community is very fortunate to have both Brampton Civic Hospital and very soon, the new Peel Memorial to deliver the programs and services our residents need most," she said. "The new Peel Memorial will complement the programs and services already provided at Osler hospitals, and our residents are eagerly anticipating its opening."

The tournament was capped off with a dinner where a new and very special matching gift opportunity in support of paediatric care at Brampton Civic Hospital and the new Peel Memorial was unveiled.

Osler Foundation's selection as a beneficiary of the CN Miracle Match program was officially announced by Keith Reardon, vice-president of intermodal at CN.

"We are thrilled to announce that Osler Foundation is the Eastern Canada recipient of the 2016 CN Miracle Match Program and look forward to helping to improve the quality of health care available to children and their families across Brampton and beyond," he announced.

CN has pledged to match, dollar for dollar, every individual gift made to Brampton Civic and Peel Memorial's paediatric programs through approved events and initiatives, up to \$300,000 until Dec. 31, 2016.

"On the heels of that exciting news, the participation of those who volunteer their time and talent to help this event be a success is especially meaningful," Robert Lewis of the Foundation's Board of Directors said. "I would like to thank the 270 participating golfers and over 60 sponsors for their contributions to this best-in-class tournament, and helping us raise an unprecedented \$467,354 for our Brampton hospitals. This tournament has provided an exciting opportunity for participants to make a meaningful impact on the future of health care in this community."