

Osler thanks Shoppers for support in its women's health campaign

Supporters of women's health at Osler's hospitals since 2004, a group of Brampton-based Shoppers Drug store owners recently completed a \$150,000 multi-year pledge for Brampton Civic.

This inspiring donation is recognized in the patient waiting area of the hospital's Cardiology department.

This past year, the store owners made a second pledge of \$350,000, bringing their total giving to \$500,000 for women's health at Brampton Civic Hospital. Over six months, the group raised a record \$41,815 toward their pledge through the Shoppers Drug Mart's annual Growing Women's Health campaign (formerly the Tree of Life campaign), one of the leading partnership programs of Shoppers' LOVE.YOU. ? Putting Women's Health First. The campaign lets customers purchase and personalize Growing Women's Health paper cut-outs in store.

?Shoppers Drug Mart has generously supported women's health at Brampton Civic Hospital for more than a dozen years and we are grateful for their ongoing support, leadership and loyalty,? William Osler Health System Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew commented. ?Their donation demonstrates their corporate dedication to promoting better, healthier lives among members of the community.?

Each fall, the campaign provides customers with the opportunity to purchase and personalize a Growing Women's Health icon, which are prominently displayed on the Growing Women's Health ?tree? in all participating stores. Since 2002, the Growing Women's Health campaign has raised more than \$26 million for Canadian health charities.

?We work hand in hand with Brampton Civic's patients,? said Naresh Sehdev, owner of the Shoppers Drug Mart store on Mountainash Road in Brampton, speaking on behalf of the store owners. ?But we are more than local businessmen. We also live here, work here and our families and friends use this hospital. We know, from personal experience, that when we refer our customers to this hospital, they are going to get the best care. That's why we are proud to partner with Brampton Civic, once again.?



Representing 19 Brampton-based Shoppers Drug Mart stores are owners Gagandeep Singh Gill, Naresh Sehdev, James Hernane, Kallpesh Chauhan, and Manuel Silva. The group raised a record \$41,815 during 2015 for women's health at Brampton Civic Hospital through Shoppers Drug Mart's annual LOVE YOU Campaign (formerly the Tree of Life).Submitted photo