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R.A.P.T. in Health for York Central Hospital!

RICHMOND HILL, ON. –York Central Hospital is poised to officially open its new Breast Health Centre in early April 2009. The Breast Health Centre is a 10 room, 2,000 square foot facility that includes a private waiting room, diagnostic screening suites, state-of-the-art Digital Mammography and Ultrasound technology ... everything required to allow our dedicated medical team to focus on our patients' physical and emotional health.

On Thursday, March 5, 2009, York Central Hospital Foundation presents the inaugural *R.a.p.t. in Health Luncheon* at Eagles Nest Golf Club from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the new Breast Health Centre at York Central Hospital.

Keynote speakers will include the R.a.p.t. in Health Committee's Honorary Chair Beverly Thompson, Co-host, Canada AM and Breast Health Advocate and Leslie Beck, Nutritionist and Best selling Author.

The program will also include a singing performance by Daniel Panetta, a scarf demonstration by Natalie of Hermes Toronto Boutique and a dance performance by Rugcuttetz Danz Artz, choreographed by Kim Barker.

Committee Co-Chairs Rosanne Cortellucci and Vilma Cortellucci-Fiuza and a dedicated group of women, in December 2007 pledged to raise \$1 million for the new Breast Health Centre. To date over \$760,000 has been achieved.

“York Central Hospital Foundation is thrilled to have the commitment of the Committee and the community in helping to fund the new Breast Health Centre,” says Nancy Coxford, Chair, York Central Hospital Foundation. “The luncheon event has been developed through the efforts of dedicated women in our community and will be repeated in alternate years to fund other priority projects. It is through the generous support of our community that York Central Hospital is able to fund state-of-the-art technologies that assist our medical team in providing expert and compassionate care.”

The Committee decided to organize an event that would benefit the Breast Health Centre and create an opportunity for women and men to receive valuable breast health and wellness information. With this idea of togetherness in mind, they decided to celebrate one another and the community – and the concept of *r.a.p.t. in health- rise above, powerful together luncheon* was conceived.

“The Breast Health Centre Campaign Committee is honored and proud to be able to support York Central Hospital’s new Breast Health Centre,” adds Vilma Cortellucci-Fiuza, Co-Chair, York Central Hospital Foundation Breast Health Centre Campaign Committee. Every member of the Committee has been touched by breast cancer either personally or through family and friends. The inaugural R.a.p.t. in Health Luncheon is an important event that will provide guests with valuable breast health and nutrition information and raise funds that will improve breast health for the women in our community.”

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York Central Hospital (www.yorkcentral.on.ca) is a large, full-service community hospital with over 65,000 visits annually to its Emergency Department, serving a population of over 400,000 in Southwest York Region and beyond. Located in one of Canada’s fastest growing communities, the hospital is on a Capacity Building Journey that focuses on using the best available practices, the newest technologies and innovative models of service to provide superior patient care.

The hospital has made significant progress on Phase 1 One of its major expansion which is scheduled for completion in Spring 2009, and has secured funding to proceed with the detailed planning of Phase Two of its redevelopment. Among the many new facilities already open as part of Phase One are: new family birthing centre, new partially opened Emergency Department, new breast health centre, new York Regional Chronic Kidney Disease Program space and new 25 bed mental health in-patient unit. In the coming months we will open a new Critical Care Unit as well as new medical imaging department, new classrooms and auditorium as well as new chemotherapy, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault care areas, new fracture, plastics and ophthalmology areas as well as a new in-patient medical/surgical unit in the hospital’s new Town of Richmond Hill Wing.