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Stroke Patients “Win” At Record-Breaking Annual Run

Richmond Hill, ON – York Central Hospital Foundation's 6th annual Richview Manor Strides for Stroke 5K Run/Walk event has raised a record \$125,000 for the York Region District Stroke Centre, exceeding its original goal of \$75,000.

“There were many athletes of all abilities at this event, but the patients of the York Region District Stroke Centre are the true winners. Because the run/walk was so successful, the Stroke Centre will be able to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology that will ultimately help to improve patient care,” said Joseph Gulizia, Chair of the Strides for Stroke committee and a Foundation Board Member.

More than 700 participants of all ages, including York Central Hospital President & CEO Altaf Stationwala, Board of Trustees Chair Dina Palozzi, Richmond Hill Mayor David Barrow and MPP Reza Moridi attended the May 7 event held at Richmond Green in Richmond Hill. The event included a 1K Scamper/Hip Hip Hooray race and 5K run/walk. Each participant who completed the races received a finisher's medal, courtesy of Pizzaville. Prizes were also awarded in several categories including top male and female runners and top pledge earners for both teams and individuals. Participants enjoyed post-race massages courtesy of Hillsvie Massage and Therapy Centre and walked through the Health Fair, which featured several local businesses and organizations. Special thanks to our Naming Sponsor Richview Manor, a 137 bed Retirement Home, located on Eagles Nest Golf Club.

“We cannot thank the sponsors, volunteers, donors and participants enough for their outstanding support and commitment to the patients of the York Region District Stroke Centre,” said Mr. Gulizia. “A lot of effort went into planning this event and we couldn't have asked for a better result.”

Since 2006, York Central Hospital Foundation's annual run/walk has raised over \$470,000, for York Central Hospital. This includes a new Digital Mammography Unit for the Breast Health Centre, leading-edge surgical equipment and construction to triple the size of our Emergency Department.

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