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CITY OF VAUGHAN MAYOR'S GALA 2005 SUPPORTS VAUGHAN HEALTH-CARE FOUNDATION

VAUGHAN, ON – The 2005 Mayor's Gala presented by *Scotiabank Group* was held at the Terrace Banquet Centre, located at 1680 Creditstone Road in Vaughan, in support of the Vaughan Health-Care Foundation, a registered charity established to take the lead role in fundraising efforts for a new health-care facility in the City of Vaughan.

"I am overwhelmed by the generous support of our business community and local residents as we expect to raise close to \$500,000 for the Vaughan Health-Care Foundation," said Mayor Michael Di Biase. "Through strategic partnerships, Vaughan Health will create a new standard of integrated, innovative and client-centred health-care that will be a model for all of Ontario."

On January 27, 2003 Vaughan City Council took the first step toward establishing a health-care facility in the City by creating the Health Care Facility Study Task Force to oversee the development of a Needs Assessment, Vision and Implementation Plan for a new facility. The study is intended to form the basis for a request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to support a new health-care facility for Vaughan, the Vaughan Health Campus of Care.

Toronto1 News Anchor Ben Chin emceed the event, which featured an Asian-inspired theme with performances by the *Kiyoshi Nagata Ensemble*, the *Sanskriti Dance & Yoga Centre* and the *Canadian Lion Dance Coalition*. Activities also included a charity auction and live entertainment by the *Vibe Tribe*.

Mayor Di Biase thanked *Scotiabank Group* for participating as the evening's Presenting Sponsor for a third consecutive year along with acknowledging the many corporate sponsors and media partners for their outstanding support.

The sold-out black-tie event was chaired by Adriana Baldassarra, Lina DeGasperis and Orna Serruya.

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