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RUN FOR VAUGHAN CROSSES FINISH LINE WITH \$55,000 FOR PROPOSED HEALTH CARE FACILITY

VAUGHAN, ON – At the March 21 Council meeting, Naseer Ahmad, co-chair of fundraising for the *Run for Vaughan* organization, presented Vaughan Council with a cheque for \$55,000 from last year's event. The proceeds will go towards a proposed health care centre in Vaughan.

The second annual *Run for Vaughan*, a 10km run or 3.5km walk, was held last September 26 and was open to professional and amateur runners and walkers. It attracted over a thousand participants. The family event promotes participation by everyone, including residents, businesses and community groups. Participants are asked to canvass the community for pledges.

“As our City grows, so does the necessity for expanded health care services,” said Mayor Michael Di Biase. “We can successfully attain these services through strong partnerships and teamwork. The Run for Vaughan is a working example of a grassroots organization putting these attributes into action.”

According to *Run for Vaughan* officials, the organization intends to raise at least \$1 million for the proposed health care facility. Over the past two years, the event has raised \$105,000.

The third annual Run for Vaughan will be held Sunday September 25, 2005. For more information, visit www.runforvaughan.com. Online registration and donation forms are available.

Note to editors: Photos available upon request.

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