

## **Lakeridge Health Names New Pickering Health Centre after Local Philanthropist**

### **New Centre to be known as the Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre**

**July 23, 2019** — On July 23, 2019, Lakeridge Health unveiled the new name of the soon-to-be-constructed Health and Wellness Centre – located in North Pickering – as the “Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre”.

Over the course of his career Mr. Coughlan has stepped foot on many construction sites, supervised the construction of countless buildings and shaped numerous neighbourhoods. But today, he did not even have to wear steel-toed boots or a hardhat to lead this new building project.

This naming is in recognition of Mr. Coughlan’s historic \$7 million gift made to the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation in 2018.

“Thousands of people have trusted Jerry with their largest and most precious investment of their home because they knew that he would build them a house that would be strong enough to protect them from the storms, comfortable enough to boast joy and laughter, and solid enough to embrace the growth, struggles as well as triumphs experienced by everyday families,” said Tracy Paterson, CEO of Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation. “So it seems fitting that Jerry’s name be on a building that is surrounded by many of the homes he built.”

Jerry Coughlan, along with friends and family, was in attendance and celebrated this honour with representatives from the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation and Lakeridge Health.

The Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre will be a modern multi-storey building, built to bring multiple services closer to home for people living in the area. It will house outpatient services as well as independent physician offices, other health professionals and an urgent care centre, with the potential for pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic services.

These new and expanded services mean our community can continue to receive life-sustaining and life-saving care closer to home.

“Jerry knows that Ajax Pickering Hospital and Lakeridge Health are focused on building a local health care system that provides the most needed and critical services to people within the region,” said Matthew Anderson, President & CEO of Lakeridge Health. “Jerry has built thousands of homes here in Durham and knows firsthand that as the community grows so do the needs for health care services. Healthy families with timely access to health care services means healthier and more prosperous communities. We cannot thank Mr. Coughlan enough for his unwavering commitment to creating a leading health system that puts people first and will serve our great region for generations to come.”

A humble and reserved man, Mr. Coughlan is a long-time supporter of the Ajax Pickering Hospital and made his first seven-figure gift to the hospital in 2015 followed by a second gift – the largest of its kind received from an individual by a charity in Durham Region – in 2018. He continues to support community building in Durham Region through his latest development, The Fairway Collection at Deer Creek.

Photographs are available upon request.

## **Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation**

The Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation works with the Durham community to help save lives, restore health and provide compassionate care, by raising funds that directly benefit patients at Ajax Pickering Hospital.

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