

## **Ajax Pickering Hospital Receives Largest Donation Gifted to Durham Region Charity**

**Local Developer Jerry Coughlan Donates \$7 million**

**August 13, 2018** — The Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation is excited to announce a transformational \$7 million gift that will provide better access to health care services close to home, support more life-saving tools and extend delivery of compassionate care within the Ajax and Pickering communities.

This unprecedented gift – the largest of its kind received by a charity in Durham Region – is a donation from Jerry Coughlan, a local developer and founder of Coughlan Homes.

“Philanthropy is so much more than giving money,” says Tracy Paterson, CEO of the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation. “It’s about unselfishly believing in a better tomorrow for others and giving back in ways that truly transform the health and wellbeing of the community. Jerry’s generosity will positively influence the health of thousands of people in our community, people he will never have the chance to meet and some of whom haven’t even been born yet!”

This historic gift will support Lakeridge Health’s soon-to-be-constructed North Pickering Health and Wellness Centre. Now in the early planning stages, this new facility will offer much needed outpatient and community-based health care services to the growing population in Pickering and beyond.

“Mr. Coughlan is a true community builder. His unwavering support to people living and working within Durham Region has helped make it an even better place to live and raise a family,” said Matthew Anderson, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health. “This gift is critical to continue to grow and extend services within our Region to ensure we have the capacity to provide timely access to critical health care services, state-of-the-art equipment and leading edge tools.”

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. He continues to support community building in Durham Region through his latest development, The Fairway Collection at Deer Creek.

### **Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation**

Opened in 1954, the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital has a rich history of providing excellent health care to Ajax, Pickering and west Durham residents for over six decades.

The Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation was established in 1994 as a parallel foundation to benefit the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital. When the hospital was amalgamated in 1998 with the Scarborough Centenary Hospital, the fundraising activities were operated through the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation.

On December 1, 2016, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation returned to the foreground to work 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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