



**We are Building!**  
**Your Hospital's Expansion is underway.**  
**Please renew your support today.**

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February 18, 2011

Dear Ms. Donor,

*It has begun!* The much-anticipated expansion of Markham Stouffville Hospital is underway. Construction started in December of 2010. This is an exciting milestone in our Hospital's history and I'm honoured to share it with you — our valued member of the Markham Stouffville Hospital family.

**Thanks to you, 2010 was a busy year for our Hospital.**

From replacing outdated equipment with new, more advanced technology to our groundbreaking — *you have given us many reasons to celebrate.*

For example, your support helped to purchase a **new, state-of-the-art echocardiography system** used to diagnose heart disease. You also helped to equip our Maternal Child Department with **new baby warmers** — vital pieces of equipment that provide a safe environment for our youngest and most vulnerable patients at the start of their lives.

And with your donations, we were able to buy **two brand new operating room tables** enabling us to meet the increased demand for surgical services.

Thank you for making these and other critical equipment purchases possible. We simply could not have done it without your generosity, which is why I'm writing to personally ask you to consider renewing your support in 2011.

**With construction of our new building underway,  
 we need your continued support now more than ever!**

If you've visited the Hospital recently, you probably noticed tremendous changes taking place. Our new building will *double the size* of Markham Stouffville Hospital and link it to the East Markham Community Centre to create a *state-of-the-art health and wellness campus* unlike anything Ontario has seen.

But to turn the dream of a bigger and even better Markham Stouffville Hospital into reality we need the full support of our caring donors like you.

You see, these are very exciting times for our community as it continues to grow but for the Hospital it is also a challenging time.

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As we welcome new families to our community and as the average age of our residents continues to increase, so do the pressures on our Hospital. In the coming years, our medical teams will be faced with providing diagnosis, care and treatment to more patients than ever before. We must continue to provide services for more than double the patients our facilities were built for.

### **We're Growing. Together.**

And it's only together — with your support — that we can continue caring for our community.

Your gift will be put toward **the expansion of our facilities**, including the Emergency Department, Diagnostic Imaging, Mental Health, Ambulatory Care and Maternal Child. Your support will also help **build eight new operating suites** and **outfit the Hospital with over 100 new patient beds**, greatly enhancing care for thousands of patients every year. And it will continue to help **purchase the critical equipment** our community needs the most.

Simply put, your renewed support in 2011 will be felt throughout every area of the Hospital ensuring that we can continue to provide the high level of care our community expects and deserves.

From the time Markham Stouffville Hospital first opened its doors more than two decades ago, the people of this community have been at its heart. As we continue on our journey to expand and care for our ever-growing communities, I thank you for your past support and hope that you'll find it in your heart to renew your support today.

With you by our side, we'll continue to provide compassionate, expert care close to home for the next 20 years and beyond.

Gratefully yours,



Suzette Strong, MA, CFRE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation

P.S. As a vital partner in the expansion of our Hospital, we are pleased to present you with a special *Certificate of Appreciation*. I hope you'll display it in a prominent place as a reminder of the investment you have made for the health of your community.

P.P.S. Please consider leaving a lasting legacy of health to your loved ones and community members by making a bequest to Markham Stouffville Hospital. To learn more about how you can make a difference, see the enclosed insert.