

Fidani Pledges \$6 Million To Peel Regional Cancer Centre

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Mississauga, Ontario): The Chairman of the Orlando Corporation, Mr. Carlo Fidani has entered into a philanthropic partnership with The Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga to help fund the construction of the Peel Regional Cancer Centre. The center is a joint venture between Cancer Care Ontario and The Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. The cancer center will provide radiation and chemotherapy to patients in the regions of Peel, Halton and beyond. It is part of a \$200 million expansion and renovation project at Credit Valley that will see a new ambulatory care center, a new inpatient wing and a new regional maternal/child center, all integrated with the existing hospital structure.

The cancer center will be named The Carlo Fidani Cancer Centre in recognition of this significant philanthropic gift. Mr. Fidani has pledged \$6 million toward the construction project.

Mr. Fidani's commitment to the hospital follows a long-standing tradition of philanthropy by the Fidani family toward university and health related research and construction projects. Mr. Fidani says his family is grateful for the success of their family-owned business, the Orlando Corporation which was originally founded by his father, the recently deceased, Orey Fidani.

Mr. Fidani said, "I am pleased and proud to be able to support the development of the Peel Regional Cancer Centre on The Credit Valley Hospital property. Credit Valley has earned an enviable reputation in health care in its short fifteen year history as one of the most progressive and family-centred hospitals in the country. Our family believes Canada's health care system is the best in the world. We believe Credit Valley exemplifies excellence in patient care. We want to be part of their expansion and renovation project which will enable them to serve our growing population and take on their expanded responsibilities as a regional cancer center and a regional maternal/child center as recommended by the Health Services Restructuring Commission."

The Fidani family believes it is important to help enhance the provision of health care. Carlo Fidani said, "I hope my personal donation, made possible through the success of the Orlando Corporation, serves as an example to individuals and their businesses to support The Credit Valley Hospital as it works to raise \$50 million toward the new regional cancer center, the new regional maternal/child center and the expansion of its ambulatory care and support services.

The Orlando Corporation is one of Canada's largest privately owned real estate development companies. Established more than 70 years ago, the company specializes in the design, development and management of all types of industrial, office and retail properties. The Heartland Centre, a power center at Britannia and Mavis Roads, owned by Orlando, has been the model for all such centers now

common throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Some other familiar Orlando buildings include Subaru Canada, Michelin Canada, the Red Cross Society, Microsoft, Oracle, Pepsi Canada, Revenue Canada, Fuji Photo Canada, Home Depot, Costco, Xerox, Ingram Micro and the Royal Bank.

The hospital's philanthropic development is managed by Foundation President, Norma Bandler. "We are grateful to Carlo Fidani for his generosity and for the example he has set for other potential donors in Mississauga and beyond. We believe this is the largest philanthropic gift to a community hospital in Canada. Carlo Fidani's extraordinary generosity sets the tone for an unprecedented campaign by an unparalleled community hospital."

Dr. Don Cowan, senior consultant to Cancer Care Ontario said, "Regional Cancer Centres are built on partnerships and succeed on the strength of the ties among all those with an interest in cancer control. Mr. Fidani's generous donation is indicative of the kind of collaboration and community support that is going to make the Peel Regional Cancer Centre a first rate facility."

The Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Tony Clement, who attended this morning's news conference said "I commend Mr. Fidani for the care and commitment to those with cancer that this donation signifies. The generosity of Mr. Fidani; the community that gives so generously to fund-raising campaigns; the health professionals who work so tirelessly to treat cancer patients; and our health care partners such as Cancer Care Ontario are all important allies in the fight against cancer."

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