



Vaughan Community Health Centre
Member of Vaughan Health Campus of Care



Laying The Foundation
Annual Report 2007-2008

Mission, Vision and Values

MISSION

Through primary health care, counselling and health promotion, the Vaughan Community Health Centre—as part of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care—improves the quality of life and well-being of the Vaughan community.

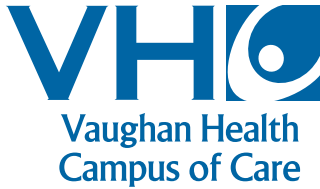
VISION

A healthy community.

VALUES

We value diversity, inclusivity and equity. The operation of the Vaughan Community Health Centre reflects professionalism, accountability and service excellence. In collaboration with our community and agency partners, and with a commitment to equitable access and innovation, we help build the capacity necessary for everyone in our community to enjoy health and well-being.





Over the years we have witnessed incredible growth in our community – Vaughan is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada. As more and more families come to Vaughan, we need to ensure that we continue to have access to the health care services required to support the community. Vaughan needs more doctors, nurses, health promotion and illness prevention programs, as well as a new hospital, so that our health care infrastructure keeps pace with the growing demands of our community.

As our first step towards realizing our Vision of the *Vaughan Health Campus of Care*, the Vaughan Community Health Centre will provide more primary health care services and programs to those who need it most. This is a key component to our Vision to provide a comprehensive, integrated and innovative model of health care services that span across the continuum of care to ensure that our community has access to the best health care possible, closer to home. We are very proud to bring Vaughan's first Community Health Centre to our great city.

We are making great strides to bring much needed health care services to Vaughan.

I hope you will join me in thanking all the volunteers and staff who have dedicated a tremendous amount of time and energy to bring our collective Vision to life. With their enduring commitment, we will continue to realize our goals.

Sincerely,

VAUGHAN HEALTH CAMPUS OF CARE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M DeGasperi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael DeGasperi
Chairman of the Board

Message from the Board Chair and the Executive Director

Laying the Foundation is both the title and the theme of the Vaughan Community Health Centre's (VCHC) 2007 Annual Report. It was chosen in tribute to the countless hours contributed by committed and enthusiastic volunteers and staff of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation in making the VCHC a reality. Finally, the longstanding vision of improving health care access in the City of Vaughan has started to unfold in very concrete ways.



This past year was a busy but rewarding one for those spearheading the VCHC project—it included on-going community consultations, the identification of a central location for the Centre, the engagement of architects, the hiring of staff, and the completion of capital project requirements. The fact that these objectives were met effectively and on time reflects a firm commitment to the VCHC's development plan.

The VCHC will operate in a carefully designed facility, one that will make possible the provision of primary health care services and social programs. The steps taken in laying the foundation of the VCHC reflect the consistent goal which has guided all efforts to date: to increase access to much needed community health care programs.

We would like to express our gratitude for the vision, commitment and dedication of members of the Vaughan Health Campus of Care, the Vaughan Health Care Foundation and the Vaughan Community Health Centre Board of Directors. In particular, we thank the members of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation and local community agencies for making it all possible. We look forward to working together in the coming year.

Tony Carella

Isabel Araya

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

We have reason to be proud of our accomplishments in so many areas, and have chosen to highlight a few.

Governance

- 1. Our Mission, Vision and Values:** A committee composed of community stakeholders was involved in the writing of mission, vision, and values statements that will guide the Centre.
- 2. Community Advisory Council (CAC):** A second committee, composed of community representatives, has been recruited and charged with advising the VCHC board and management about community needs.
- 3. AGM:** Our first annual general meeting of members was held in November 2007, resulting in the election of an inaugural board of directors, a community advisory council and the appointment of an auditor.
- 4. Accountability Agreement:** Our first Accountability Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care was signed.
- 5. Board Committees:** Committees of the board were formed and their mandates detailed. These committees are: Executive Committee, Board Evaluation Committee, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Accreditation Committee, and Risk Management Committee.
- 6. Charitable Status:** The decision to seek charitable status was approved by the Board of Directors.

Staffing of the Centre

- 1. Project Manager:** In April 2007, Joe Da Silva was hired to support and coordinate the development and initial steps towards the creation of the VCHC.
- 2. First Executive Director:** Isabel Araya was hired on February 25th, 2008 as the first Executive Director of the Centre.
- 3. Staff Recruitment:** Recruitment and hiring for VCHC's staff team started in March 2008. Nina Greco was hired as a full-time permanent Administrative Assistant. Bookkeeping services are currently being provided by Pat Caufin.

Community Capacity

- 1. Capital Project:** The Vaughan Health Care Foundation was approved to proceed with the Capital Project process to build the Vaughan Community Health Centre (VCHC). Stantec Architecture Inc. was selected as the firm to undertake the interior design and development of the VCHC's space. Several meetings were held with community representatives to obtain comment on the design plans.
- 2. Potential Partnerships:** Positive relationships were established with numerous community agencies and local organizations serving Vaughan residents. Many of them expressed strong interest in collaborating with VCHC in service delivery.
- 3. Community Integration:** VCHC participated in various City of Vaughan community events and activities, to facilitate the promotion of future programs and services.

Programs and Services

- 1. Diabetes Project:** A 2008-2009 funding application for the Diabetes Project was written and submitted.

Management

- 1. Policies and Procedures:** The process of creating policies and procedures to guide governance, human resources and administration was initiated.
- 2. Interim Site:** An interim site was opened at 9671 Jane Street, Unit 9, providing us with a visible presence in the community we will be serving.



Board of Directors



Top row left to right: Umberto Cellupica, Noor Din, Naseer Ahmad, Lana Yetman, Michael DeGasperis, O.P. Lamba, Daniele Zanotti, Sam Ciccolini

Bottom row left to right: Pierina Minna, Quinto Annibale, David Rubin (Vice-Chair), Tony Carella (Chair), Aslam Daud (Secretary), Robert Cazzola (Treasurer), Sandra Yeung-Racco, Alan Shefman

Absent: Bernie DiVona, Lou Greenbaum

VCHC Staff Members

as of September, 2008



Back row left to right: Pat Caufin (Bookkeeper), Nina Greco (Administrative Assistant), Michael Buu (Physician), Ewa Milewska (Registered Dietitian Diabetes Program), Fatima Teixeira (Medical Secretary)

Bottom row left to right: Bonnie Loranger (Registered Nurse Diabetes Program), Isabel Araya (Executive Director), Teresa Tran (Physician)

Absent: Hardip Johal (Medical Secretary), Natalie Petrella (Receptionist), Sajan Thomas (Outreach Worker–Seniors), Sarah Kipp (Nurse Practitioner), LoAn Ta-Young (Program Coordinator)

Financial Highlights

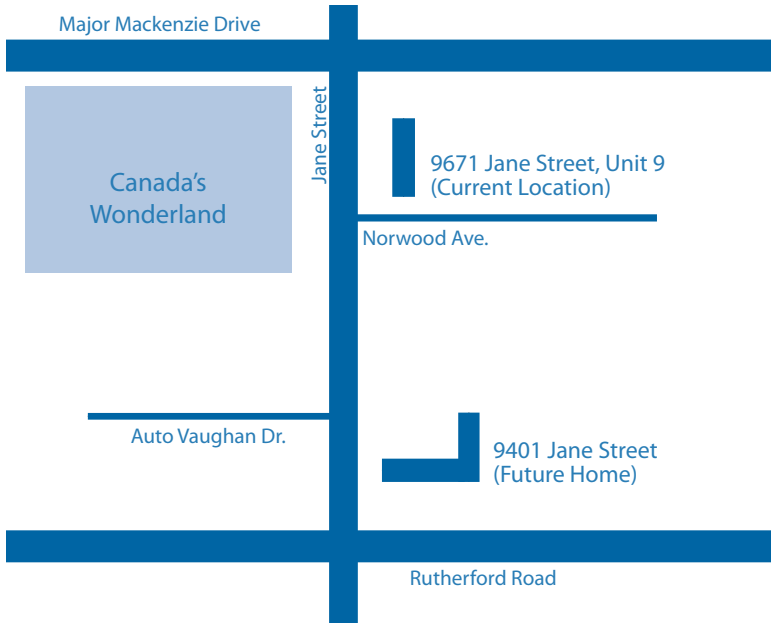
SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Audited)

Balance Sheet	
March 31, 2008	
Assets	
Cash	207,007
Accounts receivable	1,847
Prepaid expenses	52,160
	<u>261,014</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	67,118
Due to MOHLTC	141,736
Deferred revenue	52,160
	<u>261,014</u>

Statement of Operations and Fund Balance	
Year Ended March 31, 2008	
MOHLTC Funding	320,143
Interest Income	771
	<u>320,914</u>
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	11,318
General Operating	67,074
Professional Fees	21,184
Other expenses	27,442
	<u>127,018</u>
Deferred Revenue	52,160
Returned to MOHLTC	141,736

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Current Location

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Future Home

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