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CITY OF VAUGHAN GETS A RUNNING START FOR HOSPITAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH *RUN FOR VAUGHAN*

VAUGHAN, ON – Vaughan City Council and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community announced today an initiative to support the development of Vaughan's first hospital.

The *Run for Vaughan* event, a 10km marathon scheduled for October 26, 2003, is open to professional and amateur runners and walkers. Participants will be asked to canvass the community for pledges with the net proceeds from the run to be donated to the Michael Di Biase Charitable Foundation Inc., a not-for-profit foundation being established by the City of Vaughan.

"The availability of healthcare services in Vaughan must be expanded to meet demand," said Mayor Michael Di Biase. "This can only be accomplished by building partnerships across the community and the *Run for Vaughan* represents just such a partnership.

"Council and I look forward to participating in and supporting this tremendous event, and I thank the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for their initiative to organize this event for the City."

The *Run for Vaughan* will be publicized throughout the City in September and October and will include an interactive website with online registration and donation capabilities. Advertising and communications will be managed by the marketing firm and Corporate Event Sponsor, *5th Business*.

"We are very excited as it is the first run of its kind in the City," said Naseem Mahdi, the President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. "We have been in Maple since 1986 and we take pride in giving back to our community, this seemed like an ideal way to raise funds for the new hospital."

The *Run for Vaughan* will take place on Sunday October 26 at 10:00 a.m. starting from the Bait-ul-Islam Mosque, located at 10610 Jane Street, north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

For more information, visit www.runforvaughan.com.

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