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FOURTH ANNUAL RUN FOR VAUGHAN TO BOOST HOSPITAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

VAUGHAN, ON – The Run for Vaughan Organizing Committee announced today in Vaughan Council Chambers that the 4th Annual Run for Vaughan will take place on Sunday May 25th, 2008. Funds raised will support the development of Vaughan's first hospital and will be forwarded to the Vaughan Health Care Foundation.

The Run for Vaughan is a 10km run and a 3.5km walk that takes place in Maple, Ontario. While professional and amateur runners and walkers are encouraged to take part, the Run is definitely a family event. Everyone is welcome, from children to seniors and mothers and fathers with baby strollers.

Last year there was over 500 participants from across Vaughan and the GTA, and a number of corporate sponsors of the event. This year we are glad to have RBC as our diamond sponsor! To date over \$155,000 has been raised for the Vaughan Health Care Foundation, a not-for-profit foundation operated by the City. "The past Run for Vaughan events have helped to raise considerable funds for our foundation, and perhaps more importantly, helped to raise awareness that Vaughan remains the largest city in Canada without its own hospital" said an official from the Vaughan Health Care Foundation.

This Fourth Annual Run for Vaughan event will bring members from the community together for a great cause - to help raise money for our first hospital in Vaughan. There will be fun, food, prizes and great opportunity to build community spirit. Participants are asked to canvass the community for pledges and will be eligible for amazing prizes generously donated by the community.

The Chair of the Run For Vaughan, Asif Khan, has lived in Maple since 1986. "Getting involved in the Run is a great way to give back to our community," he says. "All our committee members and supporters are proud to be helping raise funds for the new hospital."

The Run for Vaughan will take place on Sunday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m., starting from the Bait-ul-Islam Mosque, 10610 Jane Street, north of Major Mackenzie Drive. The event's interactive website, www.runforvaughan.com, includes full details, as well as online registration and donation forms.

Those wishing to make donations can do so at any of the Royal Bank branches in Vaughan. Royal Bank customers can have their donation amount transferred directly from their accounts. Customers of other banks can make donations in cash or by cheque. All donors will receive Charitable Donation tax receipts from the Run for Vaughan organizing committee.

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