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## **Ajax Mayor's Gala announces two-year commitment to Grandview Kids Foundation**

AJAX, Ont. – The Ajax Mayor's Gala is proud to announce a multi-year commitment to the Grandview Kids Foundation, in support of Grandview Kids. Grandview Kids Foundation will be the Gala's Charity of Choice for a two-year period, beginning in 2023. Funds will go the Foundation to support Grandview Kids' new Ajax headquarters, currently under construction on Harwood Avenue North.

Grandview Kids is Durham Region's only Children's Treatment Centre. The Town of Ajax previously donated five-acres of land for the new headquarters, with an additional 1.5 acres donated by Tribute Communities. Set to be completed in 2024, the 95,000 square foot facility will dramatically reduce wait times and improve access to services for young people with disabilities and their families. It will be an open, welcoming and inclusive community-based paediatric facility, supporting an integrated mix of rehabilitation, medical and clinical services, as well as education and research activities.

"To celebrate the young patrons and families who benefit from Grandview Kids' services, we are announcing the theme for this year's Gala is 'Under the Big Top'," said Mayor Shaun Collier. "This year's attendees can expect an evening at the carnival like they've never experienced including incredible performances, guilty-pleasure foods, and midway favourites."

The 2023 Gala is on June 3 at the Audley Recreation Centre.

"Mayor Collier, Ajax Town Council and the Ajax community at-large have been incredible partners to Grandview Kids for many years," said Tom McHugh, CEO of Grandview Kids. "From the land donation, to municipal funding, and now this multi-year commitment from the Ajax Mayor's Gala, we are moving closer to realizing our vision of a new, state-of-the-art, paediatric Centre of Excellence in Ajax. We are grateful for this continuous support, which will help us create another inclusive space in our community for people to gather, learn and play."

"Grandview Kids is grateful for the support of Mayor Shaun Collier, the Ajax Mayor's Gala, and the broader Ajax community," said Brigitte Tschinkel, Executive Director of the Grandview Kids Foundation. "With a focus on hope, belonging, discovery and celebration, the New Grandview Kids will continue to support the seamless and coordinated provision of family-centered care for children and youth with physical, communication and developmental needs across our community."



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Since its launch in 2019, the Gala has raised more than \$700,000 for local charities and organizations, funding projects to support marginalized and vulnerable people in the Ajax community, including the homeless population. Of the many who have received supports, a few include the new Salvation Army Hope Church and Community Centre for their commercial kitchen, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation's Compassion Fund, Durham's Child Nutrition Project, and Durham Region Hospice for counselling rooms at the Whitby site.

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### **About Grandview Kids**

Grandview Kids – founded in 1953 – is an independently operated, not-for-profit Children's Treatment Centre in Durham Region. A Centre of Excellence for paediatric assessment, care and rehabilitation, Grandview Kids provides specialized programs, medical services, and outpatient clinical treatment and support to thousands of children and youth with physical, communication and developmental needs, as well as support for parents and caregivers. Its mission is to help every child and youth live life at their full potential. For more information about Grandview Kids, visit: <http://grandviewkids.ca/>. For updates, follow @GrandviewKids on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.