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Ajax Mayor's Gala Raises Funds for Grandview Kids and Community Organizations

AJAX, Ont. – The 2023 Ajax Mayor's Gala celebrated an exciting night 'Under the Big Top', benefitting Grandview Kids through the Grandview Kids Foundation, as well as numerous community organizations. The Gala, held on June 3, 2023, welcomed approximately 300 people to the Audley Recreation Centre for an evening at the carnival, including live performances by magicians, stilt walkers and contortionists, guilty pleasure foods, and midway games.

Since its launch in 2019, the Gala has raised more than \$1 Million for local charities and organizations.

"The Mayor's Gala was first established to address needs in our community without having to go to the taxpayer," said Mayor Shaun Collier. "This year, the majority of the funds raised by the gala and donated by the business community will help support the build of Grandview Kids' new headquarters in Ajax. This facility will improve access to services for young people with disabilities and their families."

The Mayor's Gala has made a two-year, \$300,000 commitment to have Grandview Kids as the charity of choice. Development of the New Grandview Kids on Harwood Avenue North is expected to be completed in Fall 2024. The 95,000 square foot facility is being constructed on a five-acre parcel of land previously donated by the Town of Ajax.

"Our goal is to make the New Grandview Kids an open, welcoming and inclusive community-based paediatric facility," said Brigitte Tschinkel, Executive Director of the Grandview Kids Foundation. "We are very grateful for the support of the Mayor's Gala for helping us realize this long-awaited dream, which will enable us to better serve our community."

Gala funds will also support additional local organizations, which will be announced to the Community Impact page on www.ajaxmayorsgala.com in the coming months.

Mayor Shaun Collier and the Gala Committee give thanks to the more than 50 local businesses and organizations who have supported the Under the Big Top 2023.

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