

FOUNDATION

Update

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Rouge Valley Centenary turns 40!

Rouge Valley Centenary celebrated its 40th anniversary in June with the help of nearly 200 Centenary babies and their parents, as well as dozens of staff, physicians and volunteers.

A baby reunion to mark the anniversary included live children's entertainment, a white elephant sale, a community barbecue, origami by the Origami Society of Toronto, face painting, kids' do-it-yourself projects sponsored by Home Depot, a visit by police, ambulance and fire services, and activities led by local Boy Scouts.

The event was also well attended by local politicians, including MPP Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services (and a former Rouge Valley board member), MP John McKay, and Councillors Raymond Cho and Ron Moeser.

Present hospital Board Vice Chair Janet Ecker welcomed the crowd to the event, while former Chair Ed Fleury—who has been involved with Rouge Valley at the Board level since before the hospital even opened in 1967—spoke about the early days of Centenary.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the event including MC Tom Hayes, a reporter and co-anchor of the CTV Toronto News, and long-time RVC obstetrician Dr. Marshall Redhill.

Rouge Valley Centenary—originally named Scarborough Centenary Hospital to commemorate Canada's Centennial year—opened on July 1, 1967 after a group of Scarborough residents started a campaign to build a second hospital in the township.



Paper footprints pasted to the construction fence at the Regional Birthing and Newborn Centre commemorate the births of participants at the baby reunion marking Rouge Valley Centenary's 40th anniversary, top left. Nearly 200 alumni came out to show their support for the new birthing centre, including the youngsters shown at top and bottom right.

Dance school supports RVAP

Newborns in Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital's Special Care Nursery will benefit from a recent donation by the Zahra School of Middle Eastern Dance.

The school donated mini lights which are used to illuminate tiny blood vessels in newborns, making it easier for

maternal newborn nurses to insert intravenous lines.

Many premature infants have extremely tiny veins, making it more difficult to draw blood or insert IV lines.

Zahra School of Middle Eastern Dance has been a Rouge Valley donor in the past, and we thank them for their continuing support.



NICU raises \$25,500

The recent Labour of Love dinner and dance organized by the NICU at RVC raised an incredible \$25,500 for the Regional Birthing and Newborn Centre. The NICU staff and physicians say they are looking forward to caring for newborns in the larger, more modern facility. Congratulations to the entire team for putting together such a successful fundraising event to benefit the Labour of Love campaign.

Golf tournaments support RVHS

Golf Classic • Aug. 9th
 Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club
 Contact Heather Montague for details at (905) 683-2320, ext. 1501.

Mayors' Charity Classic • Sept. 20th
 Cherry Downs Golf and Country Club
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Regular donor comes through again

Frank Fernandez, a long-time member of the Auxiliary to Ajax Pickering Health Centre, has once again purchased vital medical equipment to support the staff and patients at Rouge Valley Health System. Fernandez donated two Intraosseous drills to the Emergency departments of both hospitals. The drills are used to insert IV lines directly into the bone of patients when regular IV insertion is not possible. Above, Fernandez is thanked by, from left: Arden Eldridge, RVAP Emergency Manager, Dianna Harrison, RVC's Emergency Clinical Practice Leader, and Theresa Eyman, RVAP's Emergency Clinical Practice Leader.

Breakfast for a Healthy Community

Three local community organizations, including the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, were the beneficiaries of a recent breakfast fundraiser arranged by Scarborough-Rouge River Councillor Raymond Cho.

The Breakfast for a Healthy Community event was held at the Markham Station restaurant to raise

funds for the Regional Birthing and Newborn Centre at Rouge Valley Centenary, the Toronto Zoo and Stand Up Scarborough. In total, \$1,500 was raised for the birthing centre.

Many thanks to Markham Station and its staff for donating the cost of the breakfasts and their wages for the morning, Councillor Cho, and those who made donations directly at the event.