

Last Friday (February 23, 2024) was an exciting, but bittersweet day for us in the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation.

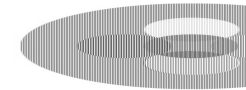
The Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre in north Pickering was official opened, but sadly its namesake - local home builder & philanthropist, Jerry Coughlan - was not with us to be part of the celebrations having passed away in 2021.

However, Lyn (his widow) as well as community members, Lakeridge Health staff, local leaders, and generous donors came together for this historic event.

Jerry's significant contribution of \$10 million to Lakeridge Health through the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation and Lakeridge Health Foundation made the Centre possible. And the Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness is a testament to Jerry vision and commitment to improve health-care access for the community he helped build.

On the third & fourth floors, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation is also proud to recognize other very generous donors who invested in this project and believed in its impact to our community:

- Ajax Pickering Hospital Auxiliary
- Mayors' Charity Golf Classic and its sponsors
- City of Pickering
- Pickering Mayor's Gala and its sponsors
- Who's Your Caddy? Ladies-Only Golf Tournament and its sponsors



The four-storey, 67,000 square foot Centre, developed through a partnership between Lakeridge Health and Northwest Healthcare Properties REIT (Northwest), was made possible by the generous support of the late Jerry Coughlan and other donors, as well as support from the Ontario government.

The Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre offers connected health-care services under one roof in Pickering, marking a significant leap forward bringing high-quality, state-of-the-art care closer to home for the rapidly expanding communities within Durham Region.

A highlight of the building is the new Surgical Centre operated by Lakeridge Health. Opening in Spring 2024, it features four operating rooms and is projected to complete more than 9,000 surgical cases annually. The Surgical Centre will help reduce pressures on the Lakeridge Health system by shifting day surgeries to this state-of-the-art outpatient centre and enable hospital operating rooms to focus on more complex procedures.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

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