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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

## **Toronto East General Hospital Foundation announces Successful completion of \$60 million campaign**

Toronto, ON – Through the commitment, generosity and vision of volunteers and donors — including 100 percent participation in the campaign by Toronto East General physicians — the TEGH Foundation is celebrating the completion of their \$60-million private-sector campaign in support of the hospital’s major redevelopment.

Through a magnanimous \$5 million gift from Peter and Diana Thomson, the focal point of this expansion will be the construction of the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre, which will usher in a new era of leading-edge health care. “Diana and I are proud to be able to honour my parents with the establishment of the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre. Our family has a long history with Toronto East General Hospital—and the closer we get, the more we are impressed with its vision. Our gift reflects our commitment to seeing the new patient care centre become a reality—and we hope it will inspire others to step forward,” said Peter Thomson, at the time of the gift.

“The success of this campaign will enable TEGH to build a new landmark health care facility, that will improve access to health care services for more than a half a million people throughout the GTA who rely on Toronto East General Hospital for health care excellence,” added Teresa Vasilopoulos, president of the TEGH Foundation.

The Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre will feature 218 medical and surgical beds, more accessible outpatient programs, modern infrastructure that will accommodate new technology and improved infection control through an increased number of single rooms, and units that can be converted to isolate patients in case of an outbreak. The redesign will also include a more accessible patient drop off entrance, large lawn areas, a roof garden for patients, visitors and staff.

Toronto East General Hospital means so much to my family. My dad spent several years on the Board, fundraising at the hospital, so the connection runs deep,” said Canadian actor and comedian Will Arnett.

TEGH opened its doors to the community in 1929 with 110 beds. While additions and upgrades have been made over the decades, the redevelopment project is the largest investment in infrastructure in more than eight decades and will finally allow the facility to match the high quality expertise the hospital provides to one of the nation’s most diverse communities.

## **Celebrate with Us!**

Toronto East General Hospital Foundation cordially invites you to our Campaign Completion Celebration

Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
The Toronto Hunt, 1355 Kingston Road

Thanks to our donors, friends and supporters, we have successfully completed our transformative \$60 million campaign to open the doors of the Ken and Marilyn Patient Care Centre.

## **About Toronto East General Hospital:**

Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH) is setting a new standard in patient-centred care. This award-winning, community teaching hospital serves the socially and economically diverse neighbourhoods of east Toronto. The hospital provides superb clinical treatment and is gaining acclaim in areas such as the Centre of Excellence in Thoracic Surgery, the Robotic Technology and Teaching Program, and Child & Adolescent Mental Health.

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## Quotable Quotes from friends of Toronto East General Hospital

"I always love coming to Toronto where there's no shortage of humour. It was a true pleasure to be able to come north this time to support such a worthy charity as The Toronto East General Hospital. They do fantastic work."

**Jerry Seinfeld**  
American Comedian, Actor, Writer and Producer



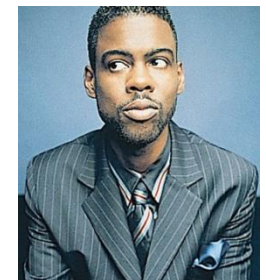
"What better way to return home to Toronto than to support a hospital that has meant so much to my family. It was a real thrill to be part of the inaugural 'Laughter Is The Best Medicine' for the Toronto East General. My dad spent several years on the Board, fundraising at the hospital, so the connection runs deep."

**Will Arnett**  
Canadian Actor and Comedian



"It's a great cause. The hospital does a lot of amazing work. And I just wanted to be with the right people; and this just seemed like the right time."

**Chris Rock**  
American Comedian, Actor, Producer and Director



"Toronto East General Hospital is, I think, the best community Hospital in Toronto. It really is a Hospital that serves its community and does a great job for the people."

**John Tory**  
Mayor of Toronto



"With Toronto East General, events are great, they are well organized and I think they're very good causes. When I'm done hockey hopefully I'll get the time to continue doing this work."

**Brad Boyes**  
Florida Panthers Hockey Club



“I think a local hospital like this-is part of your community. If I can give an hour of my time it helps at a fundraiser; that helps achieve excellence in care at TEGH, then it’s well worth my time for myself, my family and my community.”

**Ken Reid**  
**Anchor, Connected**



“The success of this campaign is a direct reflection of philanthropic leadership and support – an investment in the quality of life in our community – not only envisioning greatness, but achieving it. Congratulations and thank you to all.”

**The Honourable Bill Graham**  
**Honourary Chair**  
**Toronto East General Hospital Foundation Campaign Cabinet**



“With the completion of our \$60 million campaign, the hospital’s vision for the future is at hand. The highly-anticipated Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre will usher in a whole new era in patient-centred health care. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and magnificent donors.”

**Michael Burns**  
**Chair, Toronto East General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors**



“With the completion of this campaign, we are poised to be the Destination for Health Care excellence in east Toronto and well beyond. We are exceedingly grateful.”

**Michael MacMillan**  
**Vice Chair, Toronto East General Hospital Foundation**  
**Campaign Cabinet**



“This is a proud moment for our donors and everyone involved in the campaign. Thank you for your outpouring of support; it will resonate for generations to come.”

**Bill MacKinnon**  
**Vice Chair, Toronto East General Hospital Foundation**  
**Campaign Cabinet**

