

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

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As part of Mackenzie Health's two-site hospital model, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital work in tandem with Mackenzie Health's community-based locations to provide increased access to state-of-the-art health care closer to home for the residents of western York Region and beyond.

On February 7, 2021, Mackenzie Health opened Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital to provide relief for the capacity challenges being faced across the province as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Only critical care (ICU) and medicine beds were open to bring relief to our community, as well as the province's overstretched health system. On June 6, 2021, we were able to fully open Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital as a second hospital in our community. The new hospital is now home to specialized programs including Woman and Child, Inpatient Mental Health and Inpatient Stroke along with core services such as surgery, medicine and critical care and a full-service Emergency Department.

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As part of Mackenzie Health, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is the first smart hospital in Canada, featuring fully integrated smart technology systems and medical devices that can speak directly to one another to maximize information exchange and enable improved patient care. Through modern and proven best practices, the hospital provides state-of-the-art health care and positive outcomes for patients and their families. Most importantly, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital has created much-needed health care capacity for York Region, expanding access to care for our community.

About Mackenzie Health

Mackenzie Health is a dynamic regional health care provider which includes Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, as well as a comprehensive network of community-based services in Vaughan, Richmond Hill and the surrounding communities. It is a public hospital organization under the Ontario *Public Hospitals Act*, serving people across southwest York Region and beyond.

The new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital includes:

A 37,000 square foot state-of-the-art emergency department that will support approximately 100,000 patient visits a year.

Modern surgical services and operating rooms including innovative technologies that allow for a majority of patients to benefit from ground-breaking minimally invasive techniques and equipment. Advanced diagnostic imaging with a capacity to conduct 24,000 more medical imaging exams every year.

A 12,000 square-foot pharmacy of the future including robots to complement a skilled team of pharmacists and technicians.

Specialized ambulatory clinics and 21 additional critical care beds featuring private rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows, suspended monitoring equipment and room for family. Enhanced programs in obstetrics, pediatrics and mental health along with the provincially recognized Sorbara District Stroke Centre for York Region. Approximately 80 per cent single occupancy acute-care patient rooms to ensure optimal infection prevention and control.

Location

Address:

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital
3200 Major Mackenzie Dr W
Vaughan ON L6A 4Z3

Conveniently located at the northwest corner of Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive just north of Canada's Wonderland, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is accessible from Highway 400 and the connecting 407 and 401 highways providing ease of access for patients arriving by ambulance or their own vehicle. The new hospital is part of a larger health care precinct which will provide a multitude of services currently being planned in collaboration with the City of Vaughan. Read more about the [Vaughan Healthcare Precinct Plan](#).

About the Cortellucci family

The Cortellucci family embodies the spirit of giving in York Region. Their long history of supporting worthy causes that work to improve the health and wellbeing of their neighbours is testament to that. In addition to their historic \$40 million donation to build and equip our new hospital in Vaughan, the Cortelluccis have been long-standing supporters of Mackenzie Health. In fact, their family name has graced the walls outside the Emergency Department at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital since 2006. In recent years, the Cortellucci family has also supported Hospice Vaughan and Niagara University Vaughan. They feel so strongly about the need for a new hospital in Vaughan that they were willing to put their well-respected name behind it.

Naming a hospital: how did we get here?

More than five years ago, Mackenzie Health Foundation launched the largest community hospital campaign in Canadian history to raise \$250 million to build and equip our new Vaughan hospital and enhance care at the existing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

At a joint meeting of the Mackenzie Health and Mackenzie Health Foundation Boards in May 2019, resolutions were carried to grant approval to the Chairs and President and CEOs of Mackenzie Health and Mackenzie Health Foundation to negotiate a gift agreement with the Cortellucci family for a transformational donation.

These resolutions were carried following confirmation that the transformational donor aligned with the mission, vision and values of Mackenzie Health, and that due diligence had been conducted

related to a number of elements, including background check, reputation analysis and confirmation of financial capacity.

In June 2019, the Cortellucci family's **historic \$40 million donation** to build and equip the new Vaughan hospital was announced at the Mayor's Gala in Vaughan. This record-setting donation is the largest single donation in Mackenzie Health's history. Mackenzie Health and the Cortellucci family began discussions around recognition options to acknowledge the record-setting gift and the meaningful impact it would have on our community.

In December 2019, the provincial government lifted the Hospital Naming Directive, recognizing the important role philanthropy plays in health care funding and making named recognition of historic gifts like this one possible. Mackenzie Health began to do the work required by the province to be in a position to introduce Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital to our community just one year after the initial announcement of the family's generous donation was made.

In making the decision to name the new hospital in Vaughan after a donor, Mackenzie Health was required to meet a list of expectations outlined by the provincial government to respect the interests of the communities hospitals serve. These expectations included meaningful consultation with stakeholders in the community.

In February 2020, stakeholder consultation sessions were held with a cross-section of community members, staff members and physicians to gather input and insight. The feedback we received was factored into our decision and approach to the naming announcement.

In June 2020, Mackenzie Health joined the Cortellucci family along with community leaders and dignitaries at the site of the first net new hospital in Ontario in more than 30 years to introduce Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital to the community.

We thank the Cortellucci family for their generosity and commitment to ensuring the very best care is available to everyone in our community.

Why did you choose to name the new Vaughan hospital after the Cortellucci family?

After announcing their historic donation in 2019, we worked closely with the Cortellucci family to determine the appropriate recognition for their gift. The Cortellucci family embodies the spirit of giving in York Region. Their long history of supporting worthy causes that work to improve the health and wellbeing of their neighbours is testament to that. In addition to their historic \$40 million donation to build and equip our new hospital in Vaughan, the Cortelluccis have been long-standing supporters of Mackenzie Health. In fact, their family name has graced the walls outside the Emergency Department at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital since 2006. In recent years, the Cortellucci family has also supported Hospice Vaughan and Niagara University Vaughan. They feel so strongly about the need for a new hospital in Vaughan that they were willing to put their well-respected name behind it.

Why not keep the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital name so that it's consistent with Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital?

We understand our community's connection to the Mackenzie name, but it's important to remember that naming the Vaughan hospital after the Cortellucci family does not change the name of our

organization. The Mackenzie Health brand will continue to represent safe, quality health care for our community. Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and our network of community-based locations are all important pieces that make up the larger Mackenzie Health organization. By recognizing the Cortellucci family's historic gift in this way, we acknowledge the significant role philanthropy plays in ensuring the very best health care is available close to home, and we hope this motivates others to give in support of their community hospital as well.

How did you determine that \$40 million would be enough of a donation to name the hospital after the donor?

More than five years ago, we undertook the largest community hospital campaign in Canadian history to raise \$250 million to build and equip our new Vaughan hospital and enhance care at the existing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital. The Cortellucci family's \$40 million donation is the largest single donation in Mackenzie Health's history. We're already two-thirds of the way to our fundraising goal and we're confident that a large donation like this one will only inspire even greater generosity from our community. If we set another record with an even larger single donation, we'll work with that donor to determine the best way to recognize their incredible generosity.

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