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### **ICARE GALA RAISED OVER \$260,000 FOR RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE**

TORONTO – Nearly 400 guests helped raise over \$260,000 at Runnymede Healthcare Centre's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ICARE Gala on Friday, November 15, 2013 at Bellvue Manor in Vaughan. The proceeds will directly support Runnymede's innovative patient programs and hospital operations.

"The ICARE Gala was a wonderful evening that brought together our many partners and individual supporters of Runnymede Healthcare Centre. The event would not be possible without the ongoing support and commitment of our Gala Co-Chairs, John Aquino and Sam Ciccolini," said President and Chief Executive Officer, Connie Dejak. "Through the overwhelming generosity and unwavering commitment of our many friends and donors, the hospital is able to provide the right care in the right place at the right time to make a difference in the lives of our patients."

Eva Fragiskatos, Traffic and Entertainment Reporter for 680News and Breakfast Television acted as Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the evening with Canadian singing legend, Andy Kim and his nine-piece band headlining the event and providing the musical entertainment.

A number of dignitaries and notable guests were out in full force to support Runnymede, including Consul General of Malta Ruth Farrugia, Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti (Ward 7 – York West), Councillor Mark Grimes (Ward 6 – Etobicoke Lakeshore), OMNI News: Italian Edition's Vincenzo Somma, MTV's Aliya-Jasmine Sovani, Toronto Argonaut Mike Bradwell and HGTV's Jim Caruk.

Lucky bidders took home some fantastic items from the live and silent auctions, including private box seats to the Pink and Justin Timberlake concerts at the Air Canada Centre (ACC); Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors and Toronto Marlies tickets; a behind-the-scenes tour of the Toronto Zoo; and dinner at the exclusive Harbour 60 restaurant.

Bondfield Construction and SJC Investments Inc. were the event's presenting sponsors, and OMNI Television and City Life Magazine were the media sponsors.

Since the first ICARE Gala was held in 2010, the event has raised more than \$960,000 for the hospital.

## **About Runnymede Healthcare Centre**

For nearly 70 years, Runnymede Healthcare Centre has been providing care to medically complex patients. The focused, innovative, 200-bed hospital takes an interprofessional team approach to care, providing comprehensive clinical services to patients who require expert treatment, extended rehabilitation and daily care beyond what can be provided at home or in the community. Runnymede provides the right care in the right place at the right time to make a difference in patients' lives.

To learn more, please visit: [www.runnymedehc.ca](http://www.runnymedehc.ca).

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