



FAIRCHILD RADIO LISTENERS SUPPORT HEALTHCARE IN SCARBOROUGH TO THE TUNE OF \$136,000

Radiothon event to fund new medical equipment at Scarborough Health Network

SCARBOROUGH, ON (June 6, 2019) - More than \$136,000 was raised in just over 12 hours during the fourth Fairchild Radiothon, hosted by Fairchild Radio AM1430 in support of Scarborough Health Network Foundation (SHN Foundation). The Fairchild team broadcasted live in both Cantonese and Mandarin from SHN's General hospital location as donors made their gifts by phone, in person or online to help fund the purchase of much-needed medical equipment across the Birchmount, General and Centenary hospitals.

"Every donation collected today is going towards medical equipment and other priorities that our staff and physicians need to deliver exceptional health care to Scarborough's patients," shared Michael Mazza, president and CEO of SHN Foundation, on-air during the event. "The Fairchild Radiothon is just one of many ways we hope to better engage with the Chinese community here in Scarborough while raising funds needed to shape the future of care for all patients within our community."

Over the course of the day, Fairchild Radio conducted interviews with patients, staff, physicians, volunteers and donors to gather their stories about the excellent work currently underway at SHN. This includes: Dr. Jason Fung, kidney specialist and renowned author of *The Complete Guide to Fasting* and *The Obesity Code*; Dr. Ying Lu, chief ophthalmologist out of the Eye Centre at SHN's Birchmount hospital; and Gary Kwok, president of M&S Quality Produce and champion Canadian race car driver who recently donated more than \$36,000 for the purchase of a Sonosite Point of Care Ultrasound Machine.

"With the help of SHN Foundation and events such as the Fairchild Radiothon, we are building upon our hospitals' existing excellence to create more capacity for SHN to serve the people of Scarborough with exceptional health care," said Elizabeth Buller, SHN president and CEO. "Our vision is to become Canada's leading community teaching health network, and our community pledging their support behind us, I am confident that we can achieve this. Together, we will build the modern and efficient health care infrastructure that Scarborough patients need and deserve over the next 10, 20, 30 years and beyond."

In addition to state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology, donations from the Fairchild Radiothon will also support priority projects that will improve the patient experience, enhance access to health care, and ensure a healthier future for the Scarborough community. These projects include:

- Medical Imaging and Vascular Centre – building a 36,000 sq. ft. concourse to bring all diagnostic imaging services into one location at the General hospital, ensuring a more efficient and patient-focused facility.
- Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre – creating a community hub for the prevention, treatment and ongoing management of chronic kidney disease.

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- Emergency Department Redevelopment – providing our exceptional team of specialists with larger and updated EDs at the Centenary and Birchmount hospitals to continue caring for a growing community.

Gifts in support of Scarborough Health Network can be made by visiting SupportSHN.ca or contacting SHN Foundation by phone at 416-431-8130 or via email at foundation@shn.ca.

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About Scarborough Health Network Foundation

Situated in one of the most diverse communities in Canada, Scarborough Health Network Foundation (formerly Scarborough and Rouge Hospital Foundation) inspires the support necessary to improve patients' lives through exceptional care at Scarborough Health Network across three hospitals and eight satellite sites. Since its inception, the Foundation has worked with generous donors, volunteers and community members to raise funds needed to build state-of-the-art infrastructure and purchase the latest medical technology, supporting the SHN's vision to be Canada's leading community teaching health network.

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