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**Mayor Lovatt's Inaugural Gala #ForStouffville A Huge Success**  
\$500,000 Endowment to Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund Announced

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON** – Mayor Lovatt's Gala #ForStouffville was hosted on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Willow Springs Winery. The sold-out evening featured seven Community Impact Award presentations, a beautiful three-course meal, a riveting performance by Tia Brazda and her talented band of jazz musicians, an exciting silent auction and ended with the announcement of an endowment of \$500,000 by Flato Developments and the Wyview Group.

Launched earlier this year, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund provides grants and donations to service groups, clubs and charities in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Also announced on Friday evening, grant applications will be available online as of October 1 and the first intake closes on October 31. To learn more about eligibility and guidelines for submissions, please visit [www.wslegacyfund.com](http://www.wslegacyfund.com).

"I am blown away by the support that we received at my first Gala #ForStouffville," said Mayor Iain Lovatt. "From the event sponsors to auction donors, planning committee, volunteers, venue and catering staff, award winners and all the guests – thank you for your contribution to our community. To end the evening by announcing the \$500,000 endowment for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund just put things over the top. I can't thank Mr. Rehmatullah of Flato Developments and Mr. Wang of the Wyview Group enough for their commitment to the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Mayor Lovatt's Gala #ForStouffville was co-presented by Fieldgate Developments and TACC Construction. The event raised close to \$90,000 for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund and the evening's raffle, conducted by The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Toronto raised \$7,500 to benefit the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Markham Stouffville Hospital. The winner of the raffle, Stephen Fitch won a week in Los Cabos, Mexico including hotel stay and flights courtesy of WestJet.

Mayor Lovatt's 2019 fundraising efforts have secured close to \$200,000 for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund for a grand total with the endowment of almost \$700,000.

To view photos from Mayor Lovatt's Gala #ForStouffville, please visit:  
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