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# NATIONAL ANTHEM

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THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE!

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GOD KEEP OUR LAND GLORIOUS AND FREE!

O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE.

O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE.

# LIONS GRACE

O LORD THY BLESSING NOW LET FALL,

UPON THEY LIONS AS WE CALL,

MAY ALL OUR TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BE,

FOREVER STRENGTHENED LORD BY THEE.





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Proudly serving with compassion and dedication,  
I am a Lion, committed to making a positive impact  
in my community*



*President Lion Nina Sethi*



Dear Sponsors, Supporters, Friends, and Family,

It is a profound honor to welcome you all to our gala evening as the President of the Markham Elite Lions Club. Our club is unwaveringly dedicated to serving global causes championed by Lions Club International. "Born to Serve" is not just our motto but also the driving force behind our commitment to initiatives such as Hunger, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, and Mental Wellness.

Today, we come together to celebrate the unparalleled bond of motherhood—the first friend we make, the best friend we cherish, and the forever friend we hold dear. This evening, under the banner of "**Mother's Day - Legacy of Love Gala**" is a heartfelt tribute to the invaluable contributions of mothers, recognizing their indispensable role in our society. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to our sponsors, donors, advertisers, and friends who have generously contributed to making this gala event a resounding success. Your support has been instrumental, and we could not have achieved this without you.

Lastly, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to my team members for their unwavering trust and confidence in me during my two terms as President. Your hard work and dedication have been pivotal to the success of this evening. We faced challenges, but together, we soared to new heights. I am immensely proud of each one of you for your resilience, commitment, and willingness to go above and beyond.

Thank you for your stellar work and unwavering enthusiasm.

Friends, I really hope you enjoy the evening, and with your continued support, we are confident in our ability to make an even greater impact in the years ahead.

With warm regards,

*Nina Sethi*

President, Markham Elite Lions Club





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Dr. Patti Hill  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

April 10, 2024

Markham Elite Lions Club  
District A 16  
Canada



Dear Lions,

Congratulations on your inaugural Fundraising Gala for *Raising Hope* and *Celebrating Motherhood!*

Your dedication and commitment make you outstanding examples of what it means to be Lions—to your family, your friends, your community and to Lions around the world. Your incredible accomplishments honor our association’s motto, “We Serve,” and show the people around you that Changing the World is possible.

Your contributions make a real difference throughout your community every day. Your kindness is not only changing lives—it is inspiring others to do the same. It is through your commitment to service that you are ensuring that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come.

As we look to the future, I know you will continue to work together to deliver the life-changing service for which your club is known in your community. Thanks to you, we will continue to make the world a better place for all people—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Yours in service,

*Dr. Patti Hill*

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## Lions Clubs International

April 10, 2024

Markham Elite Lions Club  
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Dear Lions,

Congratulations to the Markham Elite Lions Club on your Gala Fundraising event on May 11th. Dr. Patti Hill's theme, "Changing the World" is perfectly fitting for your event. Yes, your club is only 1 year old, but you have grasped the concept that change is inevitable, but growth is not. It is a choice and you have made it. To extend this, District A16 and Lions International would like you to have many decades of growth and giving service to your community.

I am very confident that those attending the gala will have a fantastic time. I'm sure that all will enjoy great food, epic fashions, thrilling music and dance, and the lucky draws.

On behalf of International President Dr. Patti Hill, and the Board of Directors of Lions International, I would like to extend our thanks to your club for all that you do to serve your community.

**Lion Tom Gordon**  
**International Director 2017-2019**  
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May 11, 2024

### **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR SCARPITTI**

On behalf of Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the ***Fundraising Gala Dinner – Raising Hope, Celebrating Motherhood - In Aid of Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH)*** organized by the ***Markham Elite Lions Club (MELC)***.

We extend our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of the MELC for their tireless efforts in organizing yet another impactful annual fundraising gala dinner. This year's celebration, coinciding with Mother's Day, adds an extra layer of significance as we come together to honor the remarkable mothers in our community while supporting a noble cause. The decision to allocate the proceeds from this event to MSH underscores the MELC's unwavering commitment to enhancing healthcare services and improving the well-being of our community members.

The passion and dedication exhibited by the members of MELC are truly commendable. Their collective efforts exemplify the spirit of service and selflessness, as they work hand in hand to empower volunteers, address humanitarian needs and foster peace and understanding within our community. Through their collaborative endeavors, they inspire others to join them in making a positive impact and creating lasting change.

As we express our gratitude to MELC for their invaluable contributions, we also extend our deepest admiration for their unwavering dedication to serving the needs of our community. May their passion for giving back continue to inspire and uplift us, as we work together to create a brighter, more compassionate future for all.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Scarpitti  
Mayor





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May 11, 2024

Good evening,

Thanks for joining the Markham Elite Lions Club Gala on this heartwarming occasion of Mother's Day. It is truly an honour for Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) Foundation to be the recipient of your fundraising efforts.

We appreciate your support because government can't fund all of the hospital's priority needs. That's why events like this are so vital and will make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. Tonight's contributions will help enhance healthcare services, improve patient care and ensure access to cutting-edge medical treatments at MSH.

On behalf of MSH Foundation, I would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to the dedicated event committee, led by Lion Nina Sethi. Your commitment to bringing the community together to support our hospital will build a stronger, healthier community for generations to come.

We are grateful to all the sponsors, donors and every guest for sharing our vision of a brighter tomorrow.

Enjoy the evening and thanks again,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzette Strong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzette Strong  
Chief Executive Officer  
Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation



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# The Experiences and Journey of Expecting Mothers



## *The Miracle of Life*

*By  
Veena Chauhan*

"The Miracle of Life" is a profound aspect of the journey of expecting mothers".

The miracle of life is truly awe-inspiring from conception to birth, the journey of bringing a new life into the world is filled with wonder, growth, and incredible transformations. It's a reminder of the beauty and complexity of nature and the miracle of existence itself.

One of the most awe-inspiring aspects of pregnancy is the creation of life itself, with its own genetic makeup and potential. This process, occurring on a microscopic level, is a testament to the intricate beauty of nature and the wonders of human biology.

Pregnancy often begins with excitement and anticipation as the woman and her partner prepare to welcome a new life into their family. There's a sense of wonder and joy as they imagine holding their baby for the first time and envisioning the future together. During pregnancy, a woman's body undergoes remarkable transformations to nurture and support the growth of a new life over the course of nine months.

As the pregnancy progresses, the mother's body adapts in remarkable ways to accommodate the growing fetus. Organs shift and expand, hormone levels fluctuate, and blood volume increases to provide essential nutrients and oxygen to the developing baby. Every heartbeat, every movement, and every milestone reached during pregnancy is a testament to the incredible resilience and adaptability of the human body. The journey of pregnancy is not without its challenges. From morning sickness which can lead to physical discomfort such as nausea, fatigue, back pain, and difficulty sleeping. These discomforts can take a toll on her emotional well-being and add to her overall stress.

Beyond the physical changes, pregnancy also brings about profound emotional shifts in expecting mother's experiences as a range of emotions, from joy to excitement to anxiety and uncertainty. Alongside the excitement, many pregnant women also worry about the health of the baby, concerns about childbirth. The responsibility of carrying and nurturing a life can bring up feelings of fear and uncertainty about the future, especially for first-time mothers or fears about becoming a parent. It's natural to have these feelings, but they can sometimes be overwhelming.

The realization that a new life is growing inside them often elicits a profound sense of awe and wonder, deepening the bond between mother and child even before birth. Overall, the emotional journey of a pregnant woman is a rich tapestry of multifaceted and deeply personal experiences, filled with highs and lows, physical discomfort, gratitude and contentment, joy and uncertainty, most importantly, Bonding with the Baby. Each woman's experience is unique, shaped by her individual circumstances and personality.

The miracle of life encompasses not just the biological processes involved but also the profound emotional and spiritual aspects of bringing a new life into the world. It's a testament to the resilience, beauty, and wonder of life itself.

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## SERVICE IN ACTION: MARKHAM ELITE LIONS CLUB'S IMPACTFUL YEAR



Markham Elite Lions Club (MELC), chartered on August 17th, 2022, embodies the ethos of service ingrained in their motto, "Born to Serve." Throughout the past year, MELC has dedicated itself to addressing community needs selflessly.

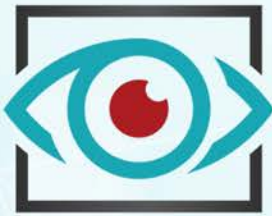
Driven by their unwavering dedication, MELC partnered with local food banks, ensuring essential provisions reached those in need, including support for South Asian women shelters and Share & Care Food bank during the colder months. Additionally, they spearheaded a significant eyeglass donation drive, collecting approximately 1000 eyeglasses for distribution globally, contributing significantly to vision care initiatives.

MELC's commitment extended to environmental conservation efforts, engaging in tree-planting events and park cleaning projects. Their holistic approach to community service underscores their dedication to sustainability.

Furthermore, MELC actively supported causes such as breast cancer awareness and diabetes research, exemplifying their commitment to improving health outcomes and supporting charitable organizations.

In essence, Markham Elite Lions Club's journey reflects a profound dedication to service, community empowerment, and making a meaningful difference. Their achievements would not have been possible without the support of sponsors and the dedication of members. Looking ahead, MELC remains committed to serving others, knowing that with continued support and collective efforts, they can accomplish even greater things.





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Breast cancer stands as the most prevalent cancer affecting Canadian women, excluding non-melanoma skin cancers. It ranks as the second leading cause of cancer-related mortality among Canadian women. Although breast cancer can occur in men, occurrences are rare.



## LEARN

### CANCER FACTS

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, 16% of all cancer deaths in the 30-49 age range are from breast cancer, compared to 8% in those ages 50-69, 5% in those ages 70-85 and 7% in those ages 85+.

On average, 80 Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day.

On average, 15 Canadian women will die from breast cancer every day.

Prostate cancer would account for one-fifth (20%) of all new cancer cases in males.

## DISCOVER

### MELC INITIATIVE

Markham Elite Lions Club supports charitable organizations and hospitals dedicated to the fight against breast cancer.

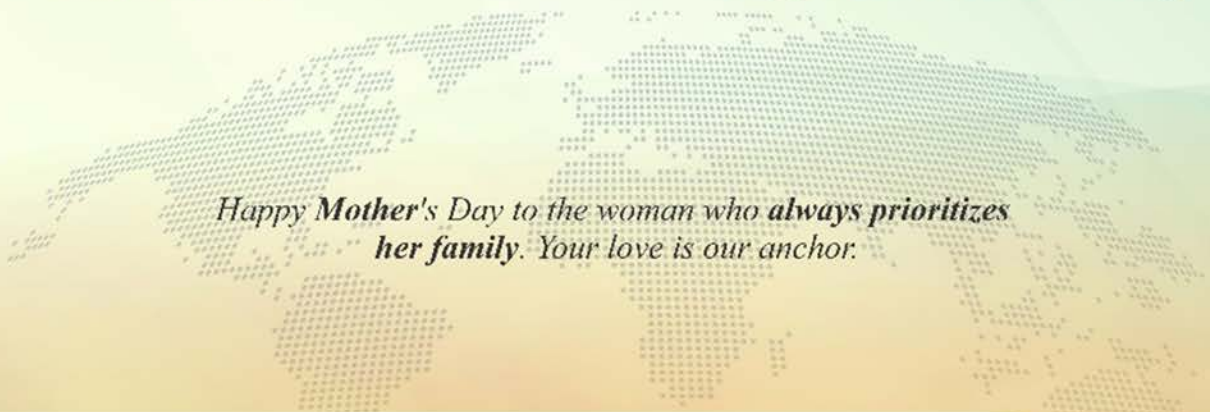
In 2023, our gala focused on raising awareness for women's health, particularly breast cancer. The funds raised were donated to the Odette Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Your contribution to the Odette Cancer Centre has already impacted Canadian women who may confront a breast cancer diagnosis, supporting essential support programs and pioneering research endeavors.





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# OUR CAUSES - DIABETES



The primary cause of death and disability in Ontario stems from chronic diseases and conditions, with prevalent examples including cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, and diabetes. Unhealthy dietary habits and lack of physical activity contribute significantly.



## LEARN

### DIABETES FACTS

According to Statistics Canada: Almost 1 in 10 Canadians aged 20 years and older has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Canadian men more likely to have diabetes than Canadian women.

Approximately 3.6 million Canadians were living with diabetes from 2019 to 2020 and more than 200,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, according to Health Canada.

## DISCOVER

### MELC INITIATIVE

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## LEARN HUNGER FACTS

According to the study, prepared by a University of Toronto based household food insecurity research program called PROOF, 18.7 percent of all families in Ontario do not have enough food to eat.

These latest figures roughly translate to 2.8 million people, including almost 700,000 children in Ontario.

## DISCOVER MELC INITIATIVE

At MELC, we support local food banks like Share and Care by providing essential food items and personal hygiene products. This assistance is crucial, especially now, as families across Canada are facing a 30-year high in food, rent, and gas prices. Currently, MELC is also associated with shelter homes such as

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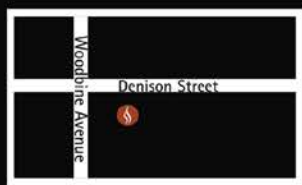
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## LEARN ENVIRONMENT FACTS

12M Hectares of forest destroyed each year according to UNEP.

6-7M Number of premature deaths annually caused by air pollution according to UNEP.

17M Metric tons of plastic entered the ocean in 2021. Projected to double or triple by 2040.



## DISCOVER MELC INITIATIVE

Amidst the multifaceted challenges of the climate crisis and environmental decline, MELC actively participates in initiatives like tree planting, park cleaning, and supporting Camp Kirk activities, all dedicated to advancing our shared cause.



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Lions Club International President

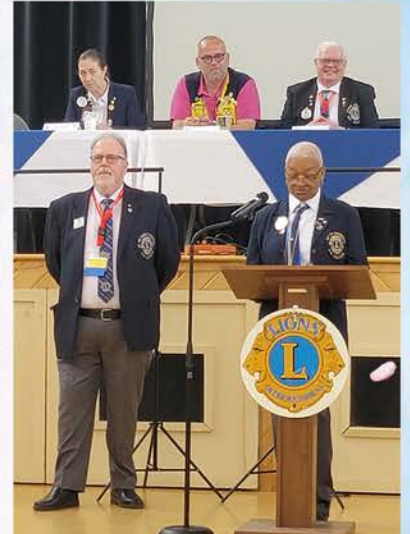
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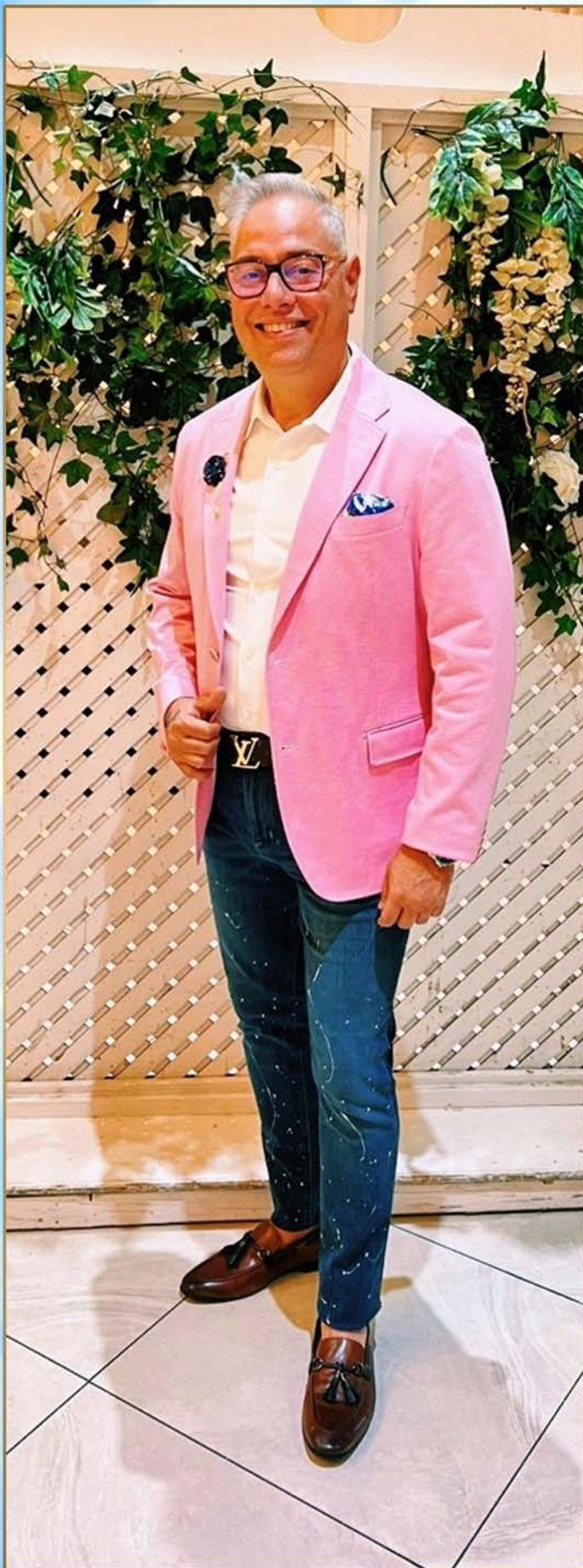
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In 2022, my wife, the mother of our three children and grandmother to our ten beloved grandchildren, fell critically ill with COVID-19. Her journey was marked by daunting challenges, including two intensive care unit stays during her eight-month hospitalization at Markham Stouffville Hospital. The situation was dire, and we were told to prepare for the worst.

However, the unwavering dedication and exceptional care provided by the doctors, nurses, and staff at Markham Stouffville Hospital were nothing short of miraculous. Their tireless efforts, combined with the support of our family and friends, helped us navigate through our darkest hours.

Despite the odds stacked against her, my wife's resilience shone brightly. She fought with incredible strength and determination every step of the way. Thanks to the expertise and compassion of the hospital team, she was able to return home in August 2022.

Since then, she has continued to work tirelessly to regain her strength and embrace life to the fullest. Our family will forever be grateful to Markham Stouffville Hospital for their exceptional care and support during our time of need. They are true heroes, and we owe them an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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