

# FOUNDATION

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## Sri Lankan community laces up for walkathon

**I**t was great exercise for a great cause, and more than 300 participants took advantage of sunny skies on Sunday, May 6 to show their support for the new Regional Birthing and Newborn Centre at Rouge Valley Centenary.

The Baby Steps Walkathon was organized by the Sri Lankan Tamil community to raise money for their \$1 million pledge toward the birthing centre. Walkers who trekked from Malvern Town Centre to Rouge Valley Centenary were greeted by traditional Sri Lankan dancers and musicians who

entertained the crowd throughout the day.

In total, \$100,000 was raised.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Baby Steps Walkathon, as well as to the politicians who came out to show their support for the event including MP Maria Minna, MPP Mary Anne Chambers, MPP Wayne Arthurs and Councillor Raymond Cho.

Contributions to the Regional Birthing and Newborn Centre can be made online at [www.labouroflovecampaign.com](http://www.labouroflovecampaign.com) or by calling (416) 281-7342.

## Donation helps reduce waits in busy Emergency department

**P**atients arriving at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital's emergency department could find their wait time to begin treatment reduced dramatically, thanks to a new Rapid Assessment Zone funded by the Mayors' Charity Classic golf tournament.

The Rapid Assessment Zone (RAZ) comprises two former treatment rooms that have been converted to accommodate a much more efficient flow of patients from the waiting room. Now, many patients can expect to be assessed in the RAZ by a nurse or physician, then begin treatment or pain control before returning to the waiting room for further tests, treatment or room placement.

The RAZ gives nurses and physicians an examining table and five reclining chairs with IV pole attachments, along with privacy screens, vital signs monitors, medication carts, and many commonly used supplies such as sutures and bandages.

Approximately \$40,000 was spent to renovate and equip the two RAZ rooms, money that was raised through the annual Mayors' Charity Classic golf tournament.

Now entering its 12th year, the Mayors' Charity Classic has raised over \$1.3 million for equipment purchases at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering.



## ***Grateful mom donates toys to Paediatrics***

*It was just over two years ago that young Ajay Hynes was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer that strikes about one in 20,000 children. He began chemotherapy treatments in the Paediatric Oncology Satellite Clinic at Rouge Valley Centenary, and is now considered cancer-free. His mother, Lisa, wanted to give back to the program and staff who cared for Ajay during his treatments, and recently donated toys, books, video games, DVDs and a DVD player to the Paediatrics playroom at RVC. Ajay, above, shows off the donation with nurse practitioner Yvette Dalrymple and his mom, Lisa.*



## ***Firefighters' Boot Drive supports RVAP***

*Foundation Board member Tom Copeland joined members of the Pickering Professional Firefighters Association for their annual Boot Drive in May. The Boot Drive donations, which exceed \$20,000 each year, will be presented to Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering as part of the Mayors' Charity Classic golf tournament proceeds in September. The money will be used to purchase vitally-needed medical equipment for the hospital.*



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# **Mark your calendar!**

**A&W CRUISE NIGHTS**  
May 10 - September 27

**CENTENARY BABY REUNION**  
Saturday, June 23rd, 2007

**BOAT POKER CRUISE**  
Thursday, July 5th, 2007

**GOLF CLASSIC**  
August 9th, 2007

**AJAX SCUBA CLUB**  
September 16th, 2007

**MAYORS' CHARITY CLASSIC**  
September 20th, 2007

*For more details about any of these upcoming events, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.rougevalley.ca/rvhsf](http://www.rougevalley.ca/rvhsf).*