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## Builders Help SickKids

### Raising funds to build research tower

**Two prominent Ontario builders have stepped up to the plate** to help raise funds for the Toronto SickKids new Research and Learning Tower. Freddy DeGasperis Jr., Vice-President of Aspen Ridge Homes, and Peter Gilgan, President of Mattamy Homes, are members of a 35-member, high-profile cabinet charged with raising \$200 million over the next three years. A total of \$100 million will be directed to the \$400 million construction costs of the Tower with \$100 million directed to the creation of an endowment fund which will support the ongoing operating costs of the building when it is completed in 2013.

The 21-storey, 750,000 square foot Research & Learning Tower is under construction at the corner of Bay and Elm Streets and will bring together the 2,000 scientists and staff of SickKids Research Institute. Designed by Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc. with HDR Inc., the world-class facility will achieve LEED Gold Certification – setting the standard for energy efficiency and sustainable infrastructure in Toronto's Discovery District.

The building will showcase the incredible depth and breadth of research being conducted by the Hospital to improve child health through prevention, better cures and early detection of

childhood disease.

"We are so fortunate to have such a world-class facility and leading-edge specialists in our own backyard with SickKids," Peter Gilgan says. "As a father, a grandfather and a member of our community, I am proud to play a part in continuing to build a great future for SickKids Hospital."

To donate to the project visit [www.sickkidsfoundation.com/bepartoffit/](http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/bepartoffit/).

