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## Local man and sons donate \$100,000 to Rec Centre Arena

(Owen Sound, ON) Don DesJardine and his two sons Martin and Jeff announced a gift of \$100,000 to the Regional Recreation Centre today. DesJardine and his sons joined campaign co-chair Sonya Mount on-site at the centre this morning.

Forty years ago, DesJardine came up to Owen Sound for a weekend visit with friends, and he never left! "I have really enjoyed life in Owen Sound, and have had the privilege of meeting a lot of really nice people," he commented. "The area has provided many wonderful years for my family."

Don played hockey for many years, and Martin and Jeff both still play, so the new arena is particularly close to their hearts. They join a growing group of over 500 donors who have supported the centre.

When asked about his generous gift, Don simply replied, "This was an opportunity to say thank you for everything that Owen Sound has given to me."

"Don's gift is a demonstration of philanthropy, leadership and vision for the future of the region," said Mount. "We thank him for helping us to ensure that families will have a place to play for many years to come."

Just as Mr. DesJardine was drawn to the area over forty years ago, this new centre will help to attract more families and professionals alike. The facility is a state-of-the-art "one stop shop" for arena sports, aquatics and fitness and recreation in the area, which will appeal to any family searching for the convenience and amenities of a large centre, with the charm and character of a small town.

Children, teens, adults and seniors will all enjoy the positive impact of this fully-accessible community hub. The facility is on schedule to open in spring 2012.

To make a donation to the Regional Recreation Centre, contact the campaign office at (519)376-0484 ext 222. For more information, visit [www.regionalreccentre.ca](http://www.regionalreccentre.ca)

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