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### Kazarian Family Pledges \$25,000 to Rec Centre

(Owen Sound, ON) Adorned in hockey, lacrosse and ringette jerseys representing the local teams they have played for, almost 25 members of the Kazarian Family gathered at the new Regional Recreation Centre to announce their wonderful gift of \$25,000. The gift, on behalf of all members of the Kazarian Family, was made in honour of the late Harry Kazarian Sr., a Canadian lacrosse hall of famer.

“Our Mom and all of our family are excited about the donation to the Rec Centre in memory of our Dad,” commented daughter Maria Jones. “Over the years our family has spent many hours in the arenas and YMCA either playing, coaching or watching lacrosse, hockey and ringette and swimming. This is our opportunity to give back to the community.”

The sport of lacrosse is very close to the hearts of this family, who organize the Harry Kazarian Memorial Father’s Day lacrosse tournament. The tournament celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> year this past June. Extra arena space, plus the growing popularity of lacrosse throughout Grey and Bruce counties will create opportunities for growth in the local lacrosse leagues.

Doris Kazarian and her family presented Regional Rec Centre fundraising volunteer Denise Reid with the pledge.

“This pledge from the Kazarian family continues to show their family's strong commitment to sports and fitness in our community and beyond. We are honoured they have chosen to be a part of this campaign,” said Reid.

The fully accessible, 125,000 sq ft. facility will house a double ice pad arena operated by the City of Owen Sound and the Family Y Health, Fitness Recreation and Aquatic Centre operated by the Owen Sound and Area Family YMCA. The new centre doubles existing arena, aquatic and work out space available to residents of Owen Sound and surrounding area.

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



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