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The Niagara Health Foundation Proudly Recognizes The Goyo's & Villarboit Group of Companies for \$2 Million Gift to the *It's Our Future* campaign in support of the new South Niagara Site of Niagara Health.

July 8th, 2022 – The Niagara Health Foundation is proud to recognize Guery Goyo, President of Villarboit Group of Companies, and his son's Guery III, Adrian, and Andre for their gift of **\$2 million** to the *It's Our Future* campaign for the **South Niagara Site of Niagara Health**. The Villarboit Group of Companies has been driven to support the communities they work in during their 36 year history. Villarboit has been a staple in the Niagara community and are involved in a number of developments in Niagara Falls. In recognition of their \$2 million gift, the Orthopaedics, Fracture, Plastics and Musculoskeletal (MSK) area will be named ***The G.R. Goyo & Family Orthopaedics, Fracture, Plastics and MSK Area*** at the new South Niagara Site of Niagara Health.

The Villarboit Group of Companies is named in honor of Geury's father, Dr. G.C. Goyo's hometown of Villarboit, in the region of Piedmont, Italy. In 1952, Dr. Goyo immigrated to Toronto and established one of the first medical practices in the city. Dr Goyo's focus on helping the people and families of Toronto inspired the philosophy behind Villarboit's core values: To be a client, community, and service-oriented organization. Goyo's passion and commitment to his work have driven an overwhelmingly successful track record for all of his investors and partners.

"I've always wanted to support healthcare and a new hospital and was thrilled at the opportunity to donate to the South Niagara hospital. For me, it is a way to lay the groundwork for innovation in healthcare, and to fulfil a promise I made to my father (who passed away several years ago) to always give back to our communities," says **Guery Goyo**. "Everyone should support the hospitals in their communities. Everyone needs the hope and healing that hospitals provide, at any and all stages of their lives."

"We are excited to welcome the Villarboit Group of Companies as a new philanthropic partner. Their significant contribution will support the Orthopaedics, Fracture, Plastics, and Musculoskeletal (MSK) Clinic area of the South Niagara Site. A touching tribute by Mr. Goyo, in honour of his late physician father, whose donation will support the Niagara community for generations to come." - **Lynn Guerriero, President and CEO of Niagara Health System**.

"We are so grateful to Guery Goyo & Villarboit Group of Companies for their support of the new hospital. It is incredible to see Guery carry on the legacy of his father (Dr. Goyo) and support the Niagara community. Our Founding Donors have been an inspiration to so many in Niagara and their support of the *It's Our Future* campaign is so vital to making the South Niagara Site a reality." - **Andrea Scott, President and CEO of the Niagara Health Foundation**,

"Villarboit and Guery Goyo know that this is the single most important project that we will see in our lifetime in Niagara. It's impossible not to want to help support it! This is about being a part of something bigger than your own individual endeavours and Guery Goyo and his team know that this will make a collective impact on the future of our community!" - ***It's Our Future* campaign Co-Chairs, Mayor Jim Diodati and Harry Oakes**.

The Niagara Health Foundation will be celebrating the *It's Our Future* Founding Donors over the next few months and want to thank all those who have already generously donated to the campaign. To date, **more than \$22 million** has been pledged in support of the new South Niagara Site of Niagara Health.

Learn More About the *It's Our Future* Campaign and the South Niagara Site

To learn more about the *It's Our Future* campaign and the 10-storey, 460+ bed hospital that will modernize healthcare for all of Niagara, visit www.ItsOurFuture.com.

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