

# 2025 PICKERING MAYORS GALA GREAT SUCCESS

Welcome to the 2025 Pickering Mayor's Gala. Hosted by Mayor Kevin Ashe, the gala returns as one of the most anticipated annual events in Ontario. This year, they hosted over 500 esteemed guests, including distinguished community leaders and generous corporate supporters. Featuring exquisite food and mixology, entertainment and surprises, this year they dove even deeper into the modern Canadian identity, while continuing to celebrate the energy of the city as it arrives at its 25th anniversary.

Mayor of Pickering, Kevin Ashe stated:  
We were pleased to welcome Premier Ford and 530 other special guests.

**Over \$1-million was raised for the Lakeridge Ajax Pickering hospital.**

Other charities benefiting from the incredible support of our business community included: **Carion Fenn Foundation, Luke's Place, Ontario Shores Mental Health, Autism Home Based, and Windreach Farm, and finally... Paul's on the Hill Food Bank.**

A real community-based initiative.

Peter Bethlenfalvy stated: "Honoured to attend the 2025, Pickering Mayor's Gala and welcoming our great Premier, FordNation last night.

Grateful to Mayor Kevin Ashe and all the incredible donors, volunteers and organizers for helping our city.

Together, we are building a stronger Ontario."

Ajax - Regional Councillor Marilyn Crawford stated: Pickering mayor's gala awesome company, great food

profits.

Thank you mayor Kevin Ashe for including me.

Raveena Rajasingham stated.

An incredible evening at Pickering Mayor's Gala at the Pickering Casino Resort. The fundraiser gala supported Ajax Pickering Hospital, Ontario Shores, Autism Home Base, Community Food Bank, Luke's Place, Wind Reach Farm Foundation and Carionfenn Foundation.

It was a beautiful evening with many of my friends. Thank you Mayor Ashe for the invitation and the entire organizing committee. A huge thanks to all the sponsors for their generosity.

With the 2025 Pickering Mayor's Gala happening tomorrow, they want to reflect on their support from last year. The Mayor and committee have been very excited about the Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre since it opened in 2024.

Last year's event funded equipment for the pathology department that supports the Centre's work and is based at Ajax Pickering Hospital.

This included a MICRO-TOME – a specialized precision cutting instrument that thinly and finely slices tissue samples from a biopsy that are then adhered to a slide; a CASSETTE LABELER – with hundreds of specimens being reviewed every week, that means hundreds of labels need to be produced so that they can all be tracked and referenced properly; and a MICRO-SCOPE - used by our pathologists to incredibly clearly review the slides.

When a patient is waiting for



Thank you to Mayor Kevin Ashe and lead sponsor Steve Apostolopoulos for ensuring our community has access to medical professionals and equipment that is A Cut Above.

It was a fun Saturday night at the Pickering Casino Resort, as Mayor Kevin Ashe hosted the 2025 Pickering Mayor's Gala. Special guests included Ontario Premier Doug Ford and entertainer Matt Dusk.

Every year, proceeds from this amazing event are directed to local Pickering charities including the Ajax Pickering Hospital. This year, the funds will be supporting the Post-Acute Care Centre project coming to Pickering.

Thank you to Mayor Ashe and his partner, Karen O'Brien, and chairs Kevin & Kim Cahill.

incredible community together in the true Northern Spirit, supporting organizations that uplift, heal, and bring hope to so many. Proud to stand alongside neighbours and colleagues including Premier Ford (Doug Ford for Ontario), Minister Bethlenfalvy (Peter Bethlenfalvy) and MPP Coe (Lorne Coe) who lead with generosity and compassion.

Mayor's Message - Thank You message:

Our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your support of the Pickering Mayor's Gala 2025 – Northern Spirit.

This year we took a new journey through the Northern Spirit and embraced our modern Canadian identity while continuing to celebrate the energy of our city as we celebrate its 25th anniversary.

It was a spectacular evening filled with exquisite food and mixology, amazing entertainment and fueled by the passion and drive of the organizations that are powering positive change and momentum in our community.

comes to bonding for worthy cause.

A sponsor at the event that did not want to be identified stated: We need more community events like these. Money being raised to be invested back directly in to programs that have an immediate affect on the community.

Money donated is money well invested back in communities that are growing and prospering.

I am looking forward to 2026. Thank you Kevin.

Programs across the

Durham Region are in need of this type of investing and more mayors are encouraged to take Mayor Kevin Ashe initiative.

This years successful event come just before budgets are made public

On the surface it looks like Pickering is on the right track when it comes to catering to taxpayers needs. Taxes are something that can't be avoided. It is nice to see events like this Gala that care enough to contribute for very worth while causes.



THANK YOU TO PICKERING MAYOR'S GALA



and lots of laughs! Huge fundraiser for Lakeridge health and many other organizations. These galas across Durham region are so important to both large and small non-

a cancer diagnosis, for example, they deserve to know that their tests and samples are being reviewed by our amazing staff using the best equipment possible.

Juanita Nathan newly elected MP stated: Had a wonderful time at the Pickering Mayor's Gala this past weekend. Grateful to Mayor Ashe for bringing our

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