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On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School united students and community partners for a lively basketball game with a meaningful goal - raising funds for The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

Secondary School, members of the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), and representatives from Pickering Fire Services. Joining the celebration were staff, students, families, community partners, and Father Chris Lemieux from The event featured students Bernadette Parish in Ajax. dren's health and ensure

the values of faith, leadership, and service as secondary students faced off against DRPS officers and local first responders in a friendly match.

Proceeds from the game will benefit SickKids, supporting its mission to advance chilfrom Notre Dame Catholic Together, they embraced every child receives the care

## Clarington Operations Depot and Emergency & Fire Services Training Facility receives Leadership and **Sustainability Impact Award**

Clarington is leading the way in sustainable, resilient infrastructure with our newest planned facility: the Clarington Operations Depot, Emergency and Fire Services Training Facility (CODEFS), located at the north-east corner of Liberty Street North and Concession Road 4 in Bowmanville.

Even before construction begins, CODEFS has earned the Leadership and Sustainability Impact Award from Durham Greener Buildings for its climate-resilient, sustainable design. This facility will be the first of its kind in Durham Region – and also Clarington's first all-electric building, operating entirely without fossil fuels. Once completed, this central hub will feature advanced fire services training, public works operations, and an emergency fire station to support the growing communities of north Bowmanville and Newcastle, along with rural areas.

The Municipality of Clarington is planning to build a state-of-the-art fire training facility, emergency fire station and public works operations depot at the north-east corner of Liberty Street North and Concession Road 4 in Bowmanville.

This facility is a key part of Clarington's commitment to build resilient, sustainable, and safe communities. It will include: An Operations Depot with fleet storage, a dedicated wash bay, training rooms, administrative office space, and roads and parks operations. A dry training tower, a live fire training tower, a classroom space, and a fire truck maneuvering area An emergency fire station to serve the training for senior fire officials. Leadership development for future Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs

Certification programs for volunteer and career firefighters from underrepresented communities Clarington was awarded a \$3.2 million grant from the Government of Ontario's Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream for the design and construction of this facility, which will be the first of its kind in Durham Region.

## **Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School** Hosts Charity Basketball Game rve. community." pathways in pathway

they deserve. Organized by Notre Dame Secondary Catholic School's Leadership and Faith Club, the initiative was made possible through collaboration with students, staff, DRPS, and the Pickering Fire Services. Sibesthan Teacher Bonesteel, who facilitates the club, shared: "Seeing students lead this event in support of SickKids shows the power of youth leadership in action. Through our ongoing partnership with DRPS, students are learning what it means to serve their

Students took ownership of the project from start to finish - building partnerships, meeting with DRPS, and launching the fundraising campaign. Karryl A., a Grade 12 member of the Leadership and Faith Club, reflected: "Nothing is holding you back from doing what you love. Go out there and put your best foot forward."

The event not only raised funds for SickKids but also strengthened school-community partnerships and highlighted future career

pathways in policing and public service. It was a true demonstration of youth leadership and faith in action.

Staff Sergeant Mark Pillman from the DRPS Equity and Inclusion Unit added his support for the initiative. "It's inspiring to see students making such a positive impact in their community. Our members are always proud to take part in events like this, building relationships with youth and connecting with them in meaningful ways."

