



Team Villa 2011 (L-R): Frank DiRienzo, Nick Ierfino, Co-Chair Tom Clark, John Arvanitis, Bill Arvanitis (Lead Sponsor Athlete's Care Sports Medicine Centres), Running Coach Paolo Fiorino, Richard Higgins, Co-Chair Tony Gentilucci. Missing from photo: Stephanie Angelone, Daniel Conrad, Victor Fiorillo and Cynthia Hollidge. (Photo taken by Vanessa Galle.)

Team Villa

On May 26, Villa Charities Foundation hosted the launch of Team Villa 2011 – Marathon Club at the Columbus Centre. This year's event, presented by lead sponsor Athlete's Care Sports Medicine Centres and chaired by Tony Gentilucci and Tom Clark, will see this dedicated team of runners participate in the Maratona d'Italia Memorial Enzo Ferrari in Maranello, Italy on October 9, 2011.

The members of Team Villa have each committed to raising \$5,500.00 for Villa Charities Foundation and are putting in many hours of training as they run in either the half (21 kilometers) or full (42 kilometers) marathon over the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend.

Follow Villa Charities Foundation on Twitter and Facebook to receive updates while the team is in Maranello and visit www.villacharities.com to pledge our runners as they work hard to raise funds for vital Villa Charities services.

Being Italian

In celebration of an outstanding year in Italian history, 2011 being the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy and the 40th anniversary of Villa Charities, Villa Charities Foundation has developed the Being Italian campaign.

Being Italian is an exciting, new online initiative aimed at engaging young Italian Canadian adults in the GTA and beyond, connecting them and allowing them to share in the pride of their Italian heritage. The campaign is centered on the themes of Italian passion and pride, uniting the community and giving Italian Canadians an online portal to interact, explore family histories and celebrate the uniqueness of being Italian.

The Being Italian Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BeingItalian) will enable members to post photos, videos, recipes, stories and more that celebrate their *Italianità*. The goal is to use all submissions to develop a fully interactive digital archive – called "The Digital Piazza" – to focus on Italian Canadian families.

Being Italian will offer fun, online contests, with prizes being awarded to the best posts each time – and winning can be as simple as answering the question, "Who's your favourite Italian Canadian celebrity, and why?"

Visit Facebook, "like" the Being Italian page and share what being Italian means to you! Together we can ensure our history lives on for future generations.



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Father's Day Golf Classic & Dinner Celebration

On June 15, guests gathered to celebrate Villa Charities Foundation's Father's Day Golf Classic & Dinner Celebration. The event, in its 35th year, was held at The Country Club in Vaughan. The day was blessed with perfectly sunny and warm weather and was filled with friends, family, food and fun. It was an event not to be missed!

On course, guests took a break from swinging their golf clubs and tried their luck at scoring a soccer goal at one of the skills challenge stations. They also enjoyed the delicious fare on offer – from pizza and porchetta to espresso and soft-serve ice cream cones served right on course from an ice cream truck! It didn't stop there, as favorite course stops included the Molson Extreme Team Lounge, the Enbridge barbecue and a vodka station.

The special guest this year was former Toronto



Guest speaker Gord Stellick with the 2011 Golf Committee (L-R): Chair Joseph Fusco; Co-Chair Bill Arvanitis; Stellick; Co-Chair Paul Marsala; Brian Naraine; Nick Ametrano.

Maple Leaf GM and sports broadcaster Gord Stellick. Mr. Stellick not only had a great day on the green but he captivated and entertained the dinner guests while sharing stories of his career in the NHL.

This year's event was a tremendous success due to the support of sponsors, participants

and volunteers. Special thanks go out to the organizing committee members, who worked countless hours to ensure the success of the event. Because of their leadership and the support and commitment of others, funds raised will help continue Villa Charities' 40-year history of providing culturally sensitive care and essential programs and services to those who need them most.

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