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FORTRESS GIVES 'REAL CAPITAL' TO MLSE TEAM UP FOUNDATION

Donation is the largest donation in the Foundation's history

Jawad Rathore, CEO of Fortress Real Capital, presented the Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) Team Up Foundation with a \$100,000 cheque Thursday at a special ceremony at the East York Memorial Arena. The donation is the single largest ever received by the Foundation and will go towards the refurbishment of the arena by the Foundation and Rona through the MLSE Team Up Foundation's Legacy Program.

The announcement follows yesterday's announcement by Rathore and fellow Fortress Real Capital principal and COO, Vince Petrozza, about the launch of their new charitable program "Fortress Gives." This program will allow Fortress Real Capital to give back to the communities they are invested in, with a focus on helping build a better tomorrow for today's youth.

"We're proud of the communities we build and the value we create in great cities across Canada," said Rathore. "Programs like Fortress Gives allow us to make another enduring impression by helping youth realize their goals and visions."

Avid sports fans, passionate about their community, Rathore and Petrozza both sit on the Chairman's Club Committee for MLSE Team Up Foundation's Players Gala.

"This pacesetting contribution from Fortress Real Capital is the largest single donation we've ever received," said Michael Bartlett, Executive Director of the MLSE Team Up Foundation. "It is significant in its size, but even more significant in its scope. These funds will be used to invest in the refurbishment of recreational facilities such as East York Memorial Arena and to fund essential youth recreation programs through our Team Up Foundation Fund.

Jawad, Vince and their business partners are leading by example, and in doing so, are helping to change the lives of youth through the spirit and the power of sports."

The MLSE Team Up Foundation's next event is the four-team, Players Gala which takes place Sunday, March 25 at Real Sports Bar & Grill.

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