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## Siemens Hamilton Charitable Contributions Committee Announces \$25,000 Donation to Ontario's First Barrier-Free Recreational Facility

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Siemens Gas Turbine Manufacturing facility in Hamilton has made a donation of \$25,000 to the Catholic Youth Organization for a picnic pavilion at a new community park on Hamilton's southeast mountain. The innovative, barrier-free Marydale Park will allow people of all ages and abilities to access recreation. The site will include playing fields, walking trails, pools, boating, fishing, and indoor program space.

The Siemens Hamilton Plant has always been an avid supporter of local charities. The plant's Charitable Contributions Committee, made up of six Siemens Hamilton employees, continue to donate funds to worthy causes. In the past five years alone, hundreds of thousands have been donated to dozens of important capital projects in the community. Individual Siemens employees also continue to donate to the United Way, through payroll donations. "We are pleased to continue our strong support as we firmly believe in giving back to our local community" says charitable committee member and employee Steve Chase.

Marydale Park is now in full construction, to be completed in September. Programming will begin next winter, with the park being used to its full extent in summer 2012. According to the 2001 Census, 91,000 Hamiltonians have some type of health condition that limits the activities they can do. The park will allow people of any age, including those who use wheelchairs, scooters or walkers, to fully and independently enjoy the amenities.

"We have always wanted to leave a legacy that will help sustain the community well beyond today," says committee chair Katie Walton. "Siemens has always encouraged us to do something good for our community, and we're pleased to help build Marydale Park for generations to come."

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