

# GARDEN DEDICATED TO CIVIC HERO WHO DIED FROM COVID-19

## COMMUNITY-BUILDER TONY ALATI IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS

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A garden at St. Jean de Brebeuf Parkette in Vaughan was dedicated to the late community-builder Tony Alati on his birth-

day June 10. His friends and family raised funds to have the garden installed.

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, council members and Agnese Alati, Tony's wife, extended greetings, and Father Eugene from Immaculate Conception Church blessed the garden.

"Tony Alati has a lasting legacy of fostering friendship, service to the community and an unwavering commitment to helping others," said Bevilacqua.

"His contributions to our city have made an immeasurable impact, and al-

though he is no longer with us physically, his presence is surely felt."

On April 3, 2020, Alati died with the COVID-19 virus. He is remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother and coach to many young athletes.

Alati was a passionate sports fan who played baseball for the Vaughan World Series Slo-Pitch Baseball League with the Hornets and Orioles. He later served as vice-president of the league and helped coordinate and support more than 46 teams.



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In addition, for many years, Alati volunteered as a soccer coach for the Woodbridge Soccer Club, where he guided his daughter Arianna's team to several championship games.

In April 2022, Alati was posthumously named the 2020 Ward 2 Civic Hero and the award was presented

during a public meeting to his friends and family.

Alati's commitment to community-building continues to have a positive impact in Vaughan and beyond.

"As a coach, mentor and friend, Tony went above and beyond every day in every way to change people's

lives in a positive and meaningful way," said the mayor.

The Tony Alati Garden is located at St. Jean de Brebeuf Parkette at 131 Golden Gate Circle in Woodbridge.

"The garden will serve as a reminder of his dedication to others," said Ward 2 Coun. Tony Carella.

## BLUE DOOR SETS OUT TO BUILD A YORK REGION AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

An increasing number of households in Canada are facing barriers to owning and renting affordable housing. While the number of market units are increasing, most units are outside the budget of everyday Canadians.

To protect Canada's available stock of affordable housing units, Blue Door is partnering with Canadian Affordable Housing Solutions to create York Region's first Community Land Trust with the generous support of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Already operating successfully in communities across Canada, Community Land Trusts are non-profit organizations that obtain and hold land, benefiting a community for generations to come by ensuring housing stays affordable and accessible for people in greatest need. The Land Trust will allow York Region service providers, such as Blue Door, to offer their programs on-site to support equity-deserving groups facing housing insecurity.

The Community Land Trust's commitment is to bring together resources, expertise, and capital to develop affordable housing in York Region through properties owned and operated by organizations/investors that prioritize community benefit.

Set to launch in 2023, Blue Door needs your support to help the Community Land Trust solution successfully maintain existing affordable housing in York Region.

The Community Land Trust is a great way for developers, faith communities, and individuals to provide land, homes, and other real estate property towards an ambitious tested solution and worthwhile cause. By donating

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