## **\$1** Million raised for Seniors' Healthcare

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 – For members of the Italian community, local businesses, and their friends, and especially for Irpinia Club of Toronto in its fortieth year, this 2017 Ballo Autunnale will be a gala to remember.

The sold-out event of nearly 1,000 at the Riviera Events & Convention Centre in Vaughan was heavily supported by the building construction industry within the Greater Toronto Area which donated a Club record-setting \$475,125 to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, a renowned leader in medical care, to improve healthcare for seniors.

Mr. Peter Cipriano, CEO of Goldpark Group and president of Irpinia Club, outdid his personal contribution of last year. In celebration of life and in tribute to his father Michele Cipriano who passed away at 95 early this year, he raised the total benefiting Sunnybrook's Division of Geriatric Medicine to \$1 million.

Prominent community leaders of Italian-Canadian heritage joining in the festivities at this year's fundraiser included: Mr. Francesco Sorbara, MP Vaughan-Woodbridge; Mr. John



Sprovieri, Peel Regional Councillor; Mr. Pat Fortini, Councillor, City of Brampton; Mr. Vince Crisanti, Toronto Councillor; Mr. Michael Tibollo, Progressive Conservative candidate Vaughan-Woodbridge; and Mr. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Progressive Conservative candidate King-Vaughan, as well as Mr. Doug Ford, Toronto mayoral candidate and former city councillor.

Proceeds from the event will continue the fellowship program to train doctors in geriatric care at Sunnybrook and advancing care for the growing population of seniors in Canada.

