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Art Gallery of Hamilton supporters receive prestigious provincial award

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to announce that **Bob and Maggie Carr**, donors to the AGH's Building a Legacy II Campaign, are the recipients of the **Ontario Association of Art Gallery's 2008 Partner Award** presented at a ceremony held on Friday, September 26, 2008 at Hart House, University of Toronto.

Hamilton residents for over 35 years and long-time supporters of the Art Gallery of Hamilton, **Bob and Maggie Carr** launched the Gallery's endowment campaign with a lead gift of \$500,000, the single largest gift to date to the Endowment, at a presentation held at the AGH in November of 2007. Their gift was deeply significant to the Gallery as it will provide vital funds each year in perpetuity.

To be eligible for the Ontario Association of Art Gallery (OAAG) Partner Award, the nominees will have provided remarkable sustained financial support through an annual donation or key sponsorship of an exhibition or innovative program, donation of key materials to the gallery's library or collection, or an extraordinary contribution significantly enhancing the organization's capacity to reach into the community or deliver new programs to new audiences. OAAG membership includes 56 Ontario public art galleries and 48 affiliate galleries.

"The Carrs' generosity has allowed us to support programming and operations, building maintenance, future growth, and the needs of the permanent collection," said Louise Dompierre, President and CEO of the AGH. "This gift has been tremendously stimulating and inspiring for our current and potential donors and for the community at large."

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's endowment fund goal is \$13 million, which will provide support each year in perpetuity for the Gallery's programming and operations, building maintenance and future growth and permanent collection needs.

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