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Hamilton couple gives \$500,000 lead gift to Art Gallery of Hamilton endowment

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to announce that Bob and Maggie Carr have donated half-a-million dollars to the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Building a Legacy Campaign 2, officially launching the Gallery's endowment campaign.

The half-million dollar gift is the single largest gift to-date to the Gallery's endowment, and will provide \$25,000 (calculated at a conservative five percent return) each year in perpetuity towards the Gallery's programming and operations, building maintenance and future growth and permanent collection needs.

"We believe in the Gallery, not only as a beautiful building, but as the heart of our city," said Maggie. "Hamilton has been a wonderful community in which to raise our children. Through this gift, we're ensuring that future generations can enjoy a strong and vibrant art gallery downtown."

The Carrs have made Hamilton their home for over 35 years. Bob is a retired mechanical engineer, while Maggie worked in fundraising and currently sits on the Gallery's Board of Directors and also volunteers for its Gala event committee. They have three grown children, Tim, Patrick and Sarah.

"The Art Gallery of Hamilton is honoured that our lead gift comes from within what we call our 'AGH family,'" said Louise Dompierre, AGH President and CEO. "Bob and Maggie are Gallery Members who participate fully and enthusiastically in our events and activities. Their support in increasing stable revenues is a great way to mark the beginning of this \$13 million endowment campaign."

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is Ontario's third largest public art gallery. The AGH's permanent collection – over 9,000 works – is considered one of the finest in Canada. The Gallery's \$13 million endowment campaign, titled "Building a Legacy Campaign 2" will provide funds each year so that the AGH can expand its programmes, maintain its stunning collection of artworks and ensure the preservation of this country's and this city's cultural heritage.

[image credit]

From left: Robert E. Wade, *Chair, Board of Directors, Art Gallery of Hamilton*, Michael Schwenger, *Co-Chair, Art Gallery of Hamilton Building a Legacy 2 Endowment Campaign*, Maggie Carr, Bob Carr, Louise Dompierre, *Art Gallery of Hamilton, President and CEO*

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