

Durham Homes helps students build a future

Goldman family donates \$100,000 to Oshawa university for annual award

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DURHAM -- A Durham home developer is helping university students build their future.

Nathan and Marvin Goldman of Durham Homes on Thursday donated \$100,000 to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), which qualifies for matching provincial funding. The money will create an \$8,000 annual award, to start in 2007, for a student in financial need and enrolled full-time in graduate studies at UOIT's faculty of engineering and applied science.

"After today you will have to think of UOIT as your university; we're lifelong friends," said UOIT president Ronald Bordessa during a lunch event with the developers.

Standing up to make his remarks, Mr. Bordessa said Durham Homes' values and views in home building are in line with those of the university.

"We're thrilled you have joined our family... you know you are always welcome in this institution," said Mr. Bordessa.

During its 56 years in the business, the Goldman family has built a reputation for its environmentally friendly construction projects, and with its new endowment fund, is offering "untold opportunities" for UOIT graduate students, Mr. Bordessa said.

The award will recognize a student who has achieved excellence at the undergraduate level and plans to carry out graduate studies in residential housing design or construction for environmentally responsible and healthy homes.

"The example you're giving to our students of giving back to the community is important," said Marc Rosen, a UOIT professor and dean of the faculty of engineering and applied science.

He said the donation is especially important because the school is still new.

"We are doing work in energy efficiency here, it's a key strategic priority on the research end of our education programs. So the fact that's so near and dear to Durham homes is something that just reflects our values very nicely," said Mr. Rosen.

"Education has always been something we thought we could help," said Marvin Goldman, accompanied by his older brother Nathan.

Now known as Durham Homes, the construction company was started in Oshawa in 1950 by Harry Goldman with his sons, Marvin and Nathan.



Crystal Crimi/ Metroland Durham Region Media Group OSHAWA -- Marvin Goldman attends a lunch event in which a \$100,000 donation by the Goldman family to UOIT was officially announced. The money qualifies for matching provincial funds and will create an endowment for an \$8,000 annual student award. Nov. 23