## Centre named for philanthropist It may not ring a bell for some, Centre for Research and Learning,

but the name Peter Gilgan will soon oom over Bay St. in glistening,

metre-high letters.

This week, the famously lowınd homebuilder will see his name nstalled on the new Peter Gilgan an innovative Sick Children's Hospital facility he helped fund through a \$40 million donation.

Gilgan, a Mississauga resident who key Mississauga philanthropist is founder and CEO of Mattamy Homes — Canada's largest home-builder — visited the Bay and Elm he posed with an oversized letter "P"

Sts. site of the new centre Monday in front of the centre. "I just think this as the Hospital for Sick Children began installing the letters on the east side of the 21-storey building. The mounting is expected to be complete by Friday.

"It's really exciting," Gilgan said as

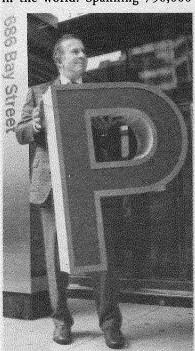
is an amazing opportunity for transformation in kids' health care research.

"I think it's going to make a difference in the lives of many generations of young people."

The centre, which opens officially See Builder page 7

## Builder honoured for \$40M donation

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Philanthropist Peter Gilgan holds a big "P" that's part of the signage for the new Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning.
Photo by Mariana Ionova

square feet, the building will house state-of-the-art laboratories and bring together in one place the hospital's 2,000 scientists, trainees and researchers, currently dispersed through six buildings.

The LEED-certified building was designed by Diamond Schmitt Architects and cost \$400 million. Gilgan's donation — the biggest contribution ever made to the hospital composed a significant chunk of the funding for the high-tech centre.

For Gilgan, the hefty donation was a way to set an example and inspire others to give, too.

"Every campaign needs leader-ship," he said. "This time, I was leading by example by stepping up and doing what needed to be done to get the building built."

The Gilgan Centre isn't the only Toronto building to honour the avid philanthropist. In 2011, Gilgan donated \$15 million to help Ryerson University build its athletic centre in the former Maple Leaf Gardens.

It was named the Mattamy Athletic Centre in recognition of Gilgan, father to four children who attended the university.

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