

Lakeshore Link

Working together for health care excellence



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- ▶ Your donations at work
- ▶ Duck Race results: winner takes Ferrari
- ▶ Events that you just can't miss!
- ▶ Honouring an office volunteer
- ▶ Pfizer Canada: a strong supporter since the 1960s
- ▶ Donate to the Foundation

INSPIRATION

"We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love."

-Mother Teresa

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you peruse the Fall-Winter edition of *The Lakeshore Link*, you will find that the Lakeshore General Hospital (LGH) Foundation has had another remarkable year, thanks to the generous assistance of our supporters.

At the LGH Foundation, we are proud of our accomplishments. The total amount distributed to the Lakeshore General Hospital during the 2010 fiscal year was over \$1.5 million, all of which was applied to purchase much-needed medical equipment, crucial to the operation of the hospital that government funding could not provide. So far, in the new fiscal year, the LGH Foundation has committed nearly \$1 million for new projects and equipment. We hope to increase the amount distributed each year following.

Your support will further facilitate positive changes. Working together and giving back to your community hospital will ensure excellent health care - a service that is vital in our daily lives.

Again this year, we were blessed with new supporters who wanted to help, all to benefit the LGH Foundation. Those who organize events, and those who give their spare time and have shown the initiative to give back to our community hospital, are truly changing the face of our community for the better.



This year's Annual Campaign was created to thank our donors, and to invite new people to join us to truly make a difference. The LGH Foundation receives countless letters from patients who express their gratitude for the professionalism and care received in our community hospital. These testimonials describe our true heroes - the health professionals at the Lakeshore who care for our patients - and many patients happily come forward and

tell us the stories concerning their care. The most touching are those letters that describe the positive changes that are occurring in our hospital. As our slogan this year amply describes, "Great things are happening at the Lakeshore", and they truly are. This is true affirmation that great medical care occurs at the LGH. Feel free to visit our website to view some of the wonderful letters that we have received.

Please help us continue to make positive changes to achieve the best health care for our community. Remember to give generously to make a difference, so that our own health care institution will be at the unsurpassed level that we so desire.

Sincerely yours,

Silvana Orrino, President

THE LGH RESPIRATORY CLINIC FUND

Your support, as donors, can be effectively channelled to other applications in addition to new equipment for your community hospital. With new equipment comes the need for trained personnel and programs to most effectively use the acquisition for treatment. To address this, specialised funds exist at the LGH in the case that individuals or companies would like to donate to a specific department, or to a new and growing program initiative.

One such initiative is the LGH Clinic Respiratory Clinic Fund. Led by Dr. Daphne Yee, LGH Respiriologist, the fund was created in 2009 to update equipment and increase the level of services to respiratory patients.

"The fund was started when our department desperately needed a new spirometer (an apparatus to measure lung function)," Dr. Yee noted in a recent interview. "The old spirometer was very dated - from the 1980s - and it finally stopped functioning altogether in November, 2008. For months, patients from the paediatric and adult

respiratory clinics running simultaneously had to share the only functioning one, making for very long and inefficient clinics." After consultation with the LGH Foundation, eventually, a new spirometer was purchased. At this point, it was decided that the Respiratory Clinic Fund should be launched to facilitate further improvements.

Since then, Dr. Yee has been working hard to improve the services for LGH respiratory



Dan Enjo of the LGH Foundation (right) is presented with a cheque for the LGH Respiratory Fund by Dr. Daphne Yee.

patients. Her respiratory team, for the first time ever - thanks to the fund and to the LGH Foundation - is going to the European Respiratory Society conference in the Fall to keep abreast of developments in their field. "The clinic is much better compared to last year," she noted. "However, our patients could benefit from so much more."

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With fresh funding, Dr. Yee hopes to add new asthma testing equipment to the clinic. Eventually, she would like to purchase an ultrasound machine which will allow more expedient ultrasound-guided removal of fluid from the space around the lung with a needle, or thoracentesis. She would also like to continue providing education for her team, so that they are up-to-date in respiratory medicine. Further improvements to the clinic include the printing of education materials, to help patients better understand their respiratory condition and its treatment.

The medical benefits for patients would be many. The main advantage, Dr. Yee observed, would be the reduction of long trips downtown for certain procedures and services that should be available in the West Island. Dr. Yee would also like to start a local pulmonary rehabilitation program. Those who participate will see an improvement in symptoms and in their quality of life.

"We have a good clinic with an excellent team," she remarked. "We would not be where we are today without Lorraine Isabelle, COPD/respiratory nurse, who has prevented countless patient visits to the emergency room because of her excellent

and nurturing care, Chantal Bissonnette and Sylvie Danis, our respiratory technicians who are essential for performing spirometry and oxygen requirement assessments for patients, our administrative clerks who ensure the clinic runs smoothly, and our support staff."

"However," she noted, "with even more donor funding, and with more personnel support, we'll be giving our patients increased service. We're doing well, but we could do so much better."

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED - THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS

In 2009 and 2010, your donations funded the following items and projects, among many others, for our community hospital:

Major Projects:

- ▶ Reconstruction and modernization of the Pharmacy Department, including equipment upgrades
- ▶ Modernization of the ER
- ▶ Pharmaceutical Automation System

Other Projects:

- ▶ Bladder scan
- ▶ Transesophageal (TEE) machine for surgery

- ▶ Cardiac heart-rate monitors for newborns
- ▶ Soft pathology system
- ▶ X-ray breast biopsy for breast cancer patients
- ▶ Magnetic resonance scanner and radiology imaging system
- ▶ Dialysis chairs and televisions for haemodialysis patients
- ▶ Lymphatic ganglion sentinel for the OR

- ▶ Colposcope to diagnose cervical cancer
- ▶ Nerve stimulator for anaesthesiology
- ▶ 2 Volumetric pumps for haemodialysis
- ▶ 4 Syringe drivers for oncology
- ▶ 2 Specialised Chairs, 3 TVs, and a thermometer for Haemodialysis
- ▶ A Laboratory Projector

- ▶ Operation of the Cardiac Wellness Program
- ▶ Operation of the Haemodialysis Transport Program
- ▶ The Foundation also refurbished two hospital rooms - the intensive care unit (ICU) waiting room and the family waiting room within the ICU - for the benefit of physicians, patients, and their loved ones.

The total spent by the Foundation during the 2010 fiscal year was over \$1.5 million. So far, the Foundation has committed nearly \$1 million for new projects in the new fiscal year. We thank you for your support, and hope that your continued donations will help to purchase even more equipment in the future.

E V E N T S

Annual Golf Tournament Raises \$80,000



LGH Foundation Chairman Nick Di Tomaso and his foursome at the tournament.

The Lakeshore General Hospital (LGH) Foundation is pleased to report that their 13th Annual Nick Di Tomaso LGH Foundation Golf Tournament, held on May 17th, 2010 at the Beaconsfield Golf Club, has raised \$80,000 for excellent health care in the West Island and beyond.

The tournament was well-attended by members of our community. The weather was perfect for the tournament; 106 golfers ate a generous brunch at a reception and proceeded to tee off for a shotgun start in the afternoon. All attendees and their guests enjoyed a semi-formal dinner after the event. Both the brunch and dinner were emceed by Andrew Carter of CJAD.

LGH Foundation Donor Recognition

On September 22nd, 2010, the LGH Foundation held their first official donor recognition event to thank the Lakeshore Lifeguards, Leaders, and Visionaries who donated in the past year. Sunrise Senior Living in Dollard-des-Ormeaux graciously hosted the event. A big thank you goes to Paola and her team at Sunrise for their generosity.

Cadillac Fairview Donates to the Foundation

Cadillac Fairview executives and representatives from the Fairview Pointe-Claire mall were on hand for a cheque presentation and press conference for their donation of \$30,000 to the LGH Foundation on September 8th, 2010. Present at the conference were:

- ▶ Normand Blouin, Vice President, Eastern Canada Region
- ▶ Jean-François Dugal, Vice President, Property Management, Eastern Canada Region
- ▶ Agnès Ciccarelli, Director of Marketing, Eastern Canada Region
- ▶ Christian Vezina, Director General Fairview Pointe-Claire
- ▶ Tina Da Costa, Director of Marketing, Fairview Pointe-Claire

The funds were applied to the purchase of two items for the cardiology department: a cardiac treadmill, and an ECG diagnostic machine. The LGH Foundation would like to thank Tina Da Costa and her team at Cadillac Fairview for their kind generosity, and for their commitment to health care in our community.



E V E N T S

14th Annual Lakeshore Duck Race: Winner takes Ferrari

The Foundation's 14th Annual Duck Race, held on June 19th at 7 p.m. at the Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue Canal, was a record-breaking success. The total number of duck tickets sold was an unprecedented high, at 10,459 ducks, raising a total of

\$104,590 to develop and maintain health care excellence in the West Island and beyond.

The winner of the race, who held the ticket corresponding to the first duck across the finish line, was Mr. Wilhelm Dres, who took full ownership of a 2001 Ferrari 550 Maranello in July.

From left, Mr. Wilhelm Dres, new owner of the 2001 Ferrari, Charles Hammer, and Natalie Lason of the LGH Foundation.



Many thanks to those who bought duck tickets in our community, and to the following sponsors and organizations:

Pfizer	Cités Nouvelles	La Maison Verte	Pointe Claire Rescue Unit	Sunrise Senior Living
Action Motosport	City of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue	Lakeshore Kiwanis Club and	Prestige Car Wash	Sunset Resorts
Air Canada	CJAD 800AM	the Lakeshore General	Procity Group and	The Chronicle
AMJ Campbell	Costco Pointe-Claire	Hospital Auxiliary	Transcontinental	The Montreal Gazette and The
BCBG MAXAZRIA	CTV Montreal	McDonald's Beaconsfield	Puma	West Island Gazette
Blueberry Lake Resorts	Dollarama	Merchants of Ste-Anne and CLD	Raymond Chabot Grant	Tim Hortons St-Jean/Brunswick
Camp de Base	Empress Location	Metro Newspaper	Thornton	Vienna Swiss Pastry and Deli
Centre de Golf Pincourt	Ferrari Club	Ministère des Transports	RCI Environment	Virgin Radio
Charles Hammer Automotive	Grues Bellerive	du Québec	Ste-Anne's Rugby Club	West Island Volunteer Bureau
Group	Health and Wellness Network	Options Graphique	Subway Restaurants at the	
Chez Cora	IGA Poirier	Parachute Communications	Colisée, Kirkland Nord,	
CHOM 97.7	L'Étoile de Vaudreuil-Dorion	Parks Canada	Île Perrot, and Pincourt	

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



Elmer Lach, NHL player, 1940-1954, number 16

The Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation and the LGH Foundation

The LGH Foundation will hold a press conference and cheque presentation to commemorate the retirement of jersey number 16, which belonged to the legendary Elmer Lach, former player for the Montreal Canadiens from 1940-1954.

The Foundation will receive the proceeds from the jersey retirement upon Mr. Lach's request. \$25,000 will be given to the LGH

maternity department, in keeping with the mandate of the Canadiens Children's Foundation.

The LGH Foundation would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Lach and Mr. Réjean Houle for their generosity and for linking health care in their community to local sports.

If you wish to join us at this very special cheque presentation, please contact us at the LGH Foundation office, or visit our website at www.lakeshorefoundation.ca.

LGHF Comedy with a Cause

Join us for a night of good-time stand-up comedy, with well-known local comedians.

The event will be organized by Rose Ventura and Linda Lafond, who have joined our team from John Abbott College to do their practicum. Please encourage our new team members, and help to ensure that the event is a success!



Wednesday, October 6th, 2010, 8:30pm

Bourbon Street West
1866 Boul. des Sources,
Pointe-Claire

Tickets: \$15 per person, available at the LGH Foundation office.

LGHF Holiday Gift Wrapping Project

Celebrate the festive holiday season by supporting your community hospital.

Nov 27th - Dec 24th, 2010
9:00am - 9:00pm

Fairview Pointe-Claire Mall



10th Anniversary LGH Foundation Lakeshore Ball

Come celebrate our first milestone event in style!

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever before. Opulent door prizes and silent auction items will enhance the classic black-tie experience. Tickets are \$600 each - valet parking will be available. This year's Honorary Co-Chairs are Louise and Lorne Trottier of the Trottier Family Foundation, and Mary Ann and Bill Ferguson of the Eric T. Webster Foundation. We are pleased to announce that The Hon. Yves Bolduc, Minister of Health, has confirmed his attendance, as well as David Levine, President and CEO of the Montreal Health and Social Services Agency. Paul Chacra will be providing the entertainment for our 10th anniversary event.

Saturday, October 16th, 2010
Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm

Château Vaudreuil

Tickets: \$600 per person

Sponsorship opportunities and Program Book advertising are also available.



For more information about these events or to volunteer, please contact the LGH Foundation office at 514-630-2081

