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2007-2009 "Give... for the Health of it!" Campaign is a \$6,191,344 SUCCESS!

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation is very excited to announce that the 2007-2009 "Give... for the Health of it!" Campaign was a resounding success. The initial goal of \$5 million was surpassed. A total of \$6,191,344 was raised to purchase much-needed medical equipment for the patients at T&DH. A total of 28,218 gifts were received from 9,493 donors.

The Foundation embarked on a very aggressive campaign to raise money for three major projects for T&DH.

1. The OR suites at a cost of \$1.2 million. Patients are the ones who benefit the most from this project. Their recovery time is shortened because of smaller incisions made possible by the laparoscopic equipment. In addition to that, post-operation complications are minimized and the patient will get improved cosmetic results.

2. The expansion of the dialysis department at a cost of close to \$10 million, which \$800,000 was to be raised by the Foundation. The dialysis services at T&DH are currently in a landlocked situation. What this means is that there is no more space to add new dialysis stations to meet the growing demand for this service. Currently, the different dialysis services are scattered throughout the hospital, which creates an inconvenience for patients and staff alike. The proposed project will see a new 20,000-sq/ft building adjacent to the ER where 14 haemodialysis stations could be housed by 2010 and 18 stations in 2015. In addition, the new building will be able to accommodate the overflow of patients from the ER.

3. The purchase of \$3 million worth

of much-needed medical equipment, including two new nuclear medicine cameras. Medical staff can now better diagnose cancer and heart disease thanks to the acquisition of this technology. T&DH was the first hospital in Canada to purchase the Siemens Symbia T16 Spect/CT camera. Furthermore, there are many areas in the hospital that have an urgent need for medical equipment in order to care for patients. All of the hospital's medical equipment needs will be met by the Foundation.

This \$5 million campaign was the second most aggressive campaign undertaken by the Foundation. Our goal was to raise this amount by December 31, 2009.

Mr. Dave McGirr and Mr. Gabriel Provost graciously accepted to act as co-chairs of the campaign and their work was instrumental to its success. The Foundation board of directors would like to thank Dave and Gabriel for their dedication and hard work. Their availability for meetings, photo-ops and events was exemplary and their dealings with donors and volunteers was exceptional.

"I just have to say that the success of this campaign was due to the generosity of our donors, the members of our sector fundraising committees, which includes finance and insurance, construction and industrial, mining, service clubs and wholesale/retail, and participation from the media," Mr. McGirr said. "This was a very aggressive campaign and we continually appealed to the public for gifts. Many individuals, organizations and businesses stepped forward with gifts of all sizes. No matter the amount of the gift, every dollar received made a difference. In addition, every dollar received will benefit the patients receiving care at the hospital. I would like to thank all of YOU for hearing our message and contributing to a cause that affects us all."



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“When Dave and I accepted to act as co-chairs of this campaign, we understood that there would be a lot of work involved,” Mr. Provost said. “We were the face of this campaign. That meant being available for meetings, media conferences and special events. We had a great time doing it and we’re very proud that we were able to surpass our \$5 million goal. Our job was easy because we live in an area where people understand the need we have to fundraise for medical equipment. All we had to do was get the message out there and encourage people to give.”

Several special events were organized during the campaign. We would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors for their support. It takes a very dedicated group of people to ensure the success of these fundraising activities.

2007 - 2009 Fundraising Events

- ‘Bidding... for the Health of it!’ Charity Auction
- Cleaning our Community... for a Healthier Tomorrow
- Canadian Tire Raffle
- Days Inn Spring Ball
- Days Inn Spring Ball Lottery
- DeBeers Diamond Lottery
- ‘Dining... for the Health of it!’ Restaurant Fundraiser
- Duathlon
- FirstOnSite Charity Golf Tournament
- Radiothon-of-Hope
- Road Runner Relay
- Shopper’s Drug Mart ‘Tree of Life’ Campaign
- Tiffany’s Confectionery 10th Anniversary Celebration

We would like to highlight four major gifts that were received during this campaign. The first was a

\$600,000 donation from Goldcorp Porcupine Gold Mines towards the dialysis expansion. The second was a \$550,000 donation received from Xstrata Canada towards the modernization of the OR suites. The third was a \$130,000 donation from one of our most generous individual and long-standing donors, Mr. John P. and Mrs. Dolores Larche, towards the purchase of a nuclear medicine camera for the John P. Larche Medical Imaging and Cardiopulmonary Department. The fourth was a \$90,000 donation from the T&DH Auxiliary towards the new ophthalmology program.

Once again, the foundation would like to thank all of the donors and the volunteers for their support during the 2007-2009 “Give... for the Health of it!” Campaign. A combination of teamwork and dedication ensured its success.



From left to right: Gabriel Provost, Dave McGirr, Roger Walker, Jean-Pierre Nadon, Robert Perrault, Gerry Petroski, Allan Kean, Nicole Dallaire and Suzette Mailloux.



Foundation Fundraising Efforts Continue During 2010

With one campaign over, a new one begins.

The reality is, the hospital’s needs are never-ending and that’s why the Foundation exists. If there was no fundraising, there would be no money to purchase medical equipment or to improve and update hospital infrastructure.

This is why we depend 100% on

our donors’ generosity. With that said, we understand that you have been extremely generous during the 2007-2009 “Give... for the Health of it!” Campaign.

We are taking a different approach for 2010. We will be using a new strategy when it comes to media coverage and advertising. However, it’s business as usual when it comes to our special events and programs.

Two areas noted as a priority for 2010 are ophthalmology and ER. T&DH is in the final stages of preparing their medical equipment list. Once received, we will be able to tailor our campaign strategy in order to ensure T&DH has the funds necessary to purchase the equipment they’ve considered to be a priority.

On another note, we are in the beginning stages of organizing a new community festival to promote healthy living. We are partnering with many organizations to launch this event off of the ground. The premise is to spread the word about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, which is in tune with the idea of preventive medicine. In addition, we will be merging our duathlon event with this community festival. As this event progresses, we promise to keep you informed.



Stay tuned for further news regarding 2010!



THANK YOU

Dave McGirr and Gabriel Provost

by: Robert Perrault

On behalf of the Foundation board of directors, I would like to thank Mr. Dave McGirr and Mr. Gabriel Provost for the outstanding work done during the 2007-2009 “Give... for the health of it!” Campaign.

The Foundation approached Mr. McGirr and Mr. Provost to act as co-chairs of this campaign because of their involvement with many other community organizations and because of their leadership qualities. They graciously accepted the position knowing that their role was tantamount to the campaign’s success.

They became the face of the 2007-2009 “Give... for the Health of it!” Campaign. Many responsibilities came with this role including donation solicitation, fundraising committee meetings, photo-ops and public appearances, and developing campaign strategies. They sacrificed a lot of their time in order to get the message out to the region regarding the importance of the Foundation’s campaign.

I sincerely hope that this experience has been a positive one for you both. There are no words to describe how appreciative we are of your efforts. You both arose to the challenge when obstacles presented themselves. In

addition, you always kept a positive attitude and encouraged others when the going got tough. This demonstrates that you both have a great deal of dedication and commitment to health care. You are natural leaders.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our co-chairs’ spouses, Patty McGirr and Janet Caron-Provost, for supporting Dave and Gabriel during their three-year tenure. Your understanding and patience has not gone unnoticed and we appreciate the sacrifice you made.

You created many new business partnerships and opened many doors for the Foundation. You have left your mark with us and with the patients you have served. We wish you the best and we wish you luck with your future endeavours.

Once again, I would like to thank you for everything you’ve done. Your contribution to this campaign was outstanding.



From left to right: Tom Ormsby, De Beers Canada, Dave McGirr, Heather Duhn, De Beers Canada and Gabriel Provost

A special thank you also goes out to the people who volunteered their time during the campaign. Many hours were committed towards participation on the board, on various board committees, on solicitation, on special event organizing committees and on special event logistics. Volunteers play an important role with the Foundation and we would like to thank the following individuals for their outstanding efforts:

Adrianna Pierce	Coljn Kilgore	James Chisholm	Louise Brazeau	Réal Drouin
Al Spacek	Craig Salmonson	Jane Frapporti	Luc Lachance	Rémi Boileau
Alan, Wesley and Taylor Lamarche	Dave Bentele	Janet Riopel	Lucas Caron	René Gaudreau
Alexandre Zagrodnik	Dave McGirr	Jason Denis	Lucie Fecteau	Richard Demers
Ali Holmes	Debbie Cecconi	Jason Skentos	Lucien Cloutier	Richard Johnston
Aline Letourneau	Denis Alarie	Jean-Marc Régimblad	Ludger Cloutier	Richard Lambert-Bélanger
Allan Kean	Diana Stringer	Jean-Philippe Malette	Lynne Carrière	Richard Laneville
Allan Valliant	Dolores Larche	Jeremy Bourget	Marc Bussièrre	Rick Cecconi
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André Fecteau	Raveendran	Joanne McGee	Marcel Cardinal	Robert Perrault
André Paradis	Dr. Chris Loreto	Joanne Séguin	Marie-Louise Roy	Roger Martin
Andrew Rokeby	Dr. Claude Vézina	Joel Cyr	Marie-Pierre Nadon	Roger Rheault
Andy Yu	Dr. Denis Beaulne	Jocelyne Lauzon	Mario Durepos	Rolande Chiasson
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Anne-Marie Larivee	Dr. Harry Voogjarv	Joey Greco	Marty and Stephanie Vien	Sandra Valliant
Barrie Young	Dr. Jean-Luc Éthier	Joey Slattery	Marty Pilkington	Scott Tam
Barry Martin	Dr. Lesley Griffiths	John Bohdanec	Mary Walsh	Sean Francis
Ben Swietek	Dr. Natasha Pereira-Hong	John Rodda	Mary-Ann Edwards	Sharon Lee
Benjamin Fry	Dr. Yves Raymond	John Wittig	Megan Bailey	Shawna McGee
Benji De Lorenzi	Elizabeth Roy	Jonathan Levesque	Mélanie Dufresne	Simon Fecteau
Bill Cox	Eric Fecteau	Joyce St-Cartier	Melissa Komadina	Shirley Wilson
Brenda Forster	Erica Hopson	Judy Duciaume	Micah Caron	Sony Farrell
Brenda Johnson	Esko Vainio	Judy Huggins	Michel Fecteau	Steven Lamontagne
Brett Mahy	Estelle Demers	Judy Vervil _{1e}	Michel Lessard	Susan Mellon
Brian Coleman	Frances Racicot	Julie Beaulac	Mike Bisson	Suzanne Gélinas
Brian and Julie Tremblay	Francis Roy	Julie Domenico	Mike Doody	Sylvia Milinkovich
Brian Raittinen	Fred Savard	Kara-Lynn Chenier	Mike Kentish	Sylvie Boileau
Bruce Cowan	Gabriel Provost	Karmela Briggs	Mike Yuskow	Sylvio Bélisle
Bryan Bennetts	Gaetanne Bacvar	Kathy Pachal	Nancy Chalifoux	Taylor Baker
Camille Wallace	Garry Dent	Keith Bullock	Nancy Hopcraft	Ted Zajac
Carla Pecore	Gerard Arseneault	Keith Gage	Nicolas Malette	Terry Pachal
Carmen Swartz	Germaine Breault	Kenn Lessard	Nancy Irvine	Therese Bergeron-Hopson
Carol Halt	Gerry Petroski	Kerri Riley	Natasha Benson	Thomas Malley
Carole Bilodeau	Gilles Bélair	Kristen Francis	Natasha Formsma	Thompson Hickey
Chris Bos	Gilles Racicot	Laura Laraman	Normand Verville	Tom Ormsby
Chris Cormier	Gord Norris	Laurie Lemire	Pat Cecconi	Tom Semadeni
Chris Daoust	Gordon Hopcraft	Leandra Stringer	Pat Kothala	Tony Last
Chris McKoy	Gregory Rungis	Linda Pasi	Patrick Lauzier	Tracy Hautenan
Christine Verville	Guy Chartrand	Lindsay Techlowicz	Patrick Voogjarv	Tyler Labreche
Claude Gagnon	Guy Larose	Line Fecteau	Paul Gaudrau	Vanessa Millions
Claude Gravel	Guy Turgeon	Lisa Lamarche	Pete Fauvelle	Vickie D'Amours
Cody Boudreau	Hannah Garces	Lisanne Guimond	Pierre de Laplante	Wayne Irvine
Connie Ritchie	Hazel Dionne	Lise Rungis	Pierre Fauvelle	Wayne Laughren
Colin Allard	Heather Duhn	Lorne Greene	Ray St-Cartier	Wendy Wilinston
	Heather Swietek	Lorraine Bélair	Raymond Denis	Yolande Fortier
	Iain Martin	Lorraine Cantin		

HOSPITAL CEO REPORT TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 22 December 2009

ORIENTATION

My wife and I are delighted to be here in Timmins and working with the great Foundation and Hospital team that has been built over the past several years. A comprehensive 2-week long orientation to hospital programs, people and places included an opportunity to meet with key Foundation leaders and supporters.

DIALYSIS RELOCATION & EXPANSION PROJECT

We have just received MOH<C approval as of December 21 to sign the contract for this project. We anticipate that the contract will be finalized by December 31.

Work on the Laboratory Renovation, the first phase, to prepare a corridor through the Lab to the new Dialysis addition is expected to be underway in January 2010.

FINAL UPDATE

Our forecast deficit for FY 2009/10 is approximately \$2.9 million which is higher than our planned deficit of \$2.7 million. Initial projections for FY 2010/11 slightly exceed a \$5 million deficit. Work is underway internally, with area partners and with the NE LHIN to reduce this anticipated deficit. Long range plans will be developed to eliminate the deficit and repay accumulated debt of the hospital.

We continue to work with the NE LHIN and Network 13 Hospitals to develop joint strategies regarding future year budgets. The Network 13 “Strategic Planning Initiative for the Cochrane and Timiskaming District and the Town of Chapleau” continues to progress. An interim report based on a November 26 planning workshop will suggest solutions and future directions to build viability of the system in our area.

A major focus through the upcoming dialog will be to ensure we continue to build on the strong foundation that has been in place through the work of the Foundation and support of the community.



2010 Spring Ball A Success

On Saturday, May 1st, the Days Inn and conference Centre hosted the 12th Annual Days Inn Spring Ball. Once again, everyone involved were very humbled by the support demonstrated by our community. A total of **307** people attended the evening and **\$236,122.83** was raised for the new ophthalmology services at T&DH.

There are many people and organizations to which the Foundation owes a debt of gratitude. We would like to thank all individuals and corporations who purchased the \$200 dinner tickets as well as those who bought the \$500 lottery tickets. We would like to recognize the generous contribution of our evening sponsors ALCON Canada who donated \$27,000 and ARAMARK Canada, BZ Environmental Consulting and TATRY Environmental Drilling, Investors Group and Provost Roofing all pledging \$5,000 each to the

evening.

The 3rd Annual Days Inn Spring Ball Lottery was again a huge success. All 200 tickets were sold out and \$100,000 was raised. Thank you to Honda Canada, Timmins Honda, Mikey’s General Sales and Repairs, Action Refrigeration and Electrical, The Mermaid Gallery, Youtlen Travel, Timmins Auto Mall Shell Gas Bar, Arctic Home Furnishings and Royal Tire Timmins for donating \$78,569.54 worth of lottery prizes.

One of the highlights of the evening is the auction, both live and silent. A total of \$46,545 was raised during both auctions. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the following organizations and individuals who year-after-year help in a big way raise substantial sums.

- Adrienne Hart Aesthetics
- Aesthetics by Line
- Dr. Jean-Luc Éthier
- Anne-Marie Stern
- Dr. Barry Simpson and Dr. Denis Beaulne Optometrists
- Claire Cantwell Fine art and Crafts
- Cousineau Fine Jewellery
- Dale Pessah
- Danielle Génier
- Davidson de Laplante Insurance Group
- De Beers Canada Victor Mine
- Deni Poulin
- Dr. Bill Chilsholm Optometry Professional Corporation
- Dr. Merv Russell and Levis’ Foodland - Dan and Monique Levis
- Dumoulin Fishing Tackle
- Esko Vainio
- Gabriel Provost
- Goldcorp Porcupine Gold Mines
- Iain Martin - RBC Dominion Securities

- Crazy Krazy Audioprocs
- M&M Meat Shops
- Marc Soucie
- N. Lacroix Plumbing & Heating (TIMMINS) Ltd.
- Nails Plus by Nicole
- ONTRAC Equipment Services Inc.
- Ready Quip
- Chartrand Equipment
- Rick Chenier
- Signature Authentics
- Source for Sports
- Spacek Audioprocs
- Steinberg & Mahn
- TEE 2 Green
- The Kitchen and Bath Place
- Toshiba
- Vicky d' Amours Specialty Cakes

The lottery and auction organizing committee spent a tremendous amount of their personal time soliciting different businesses for items.

The committee members are: Carole Bilodeau, Guy Chartrand, Guy Larose, Ken Gallant, Marc Durepos,

Mario Durepos and Ryan Taylor. Their work and efforts are greatly appreciated.

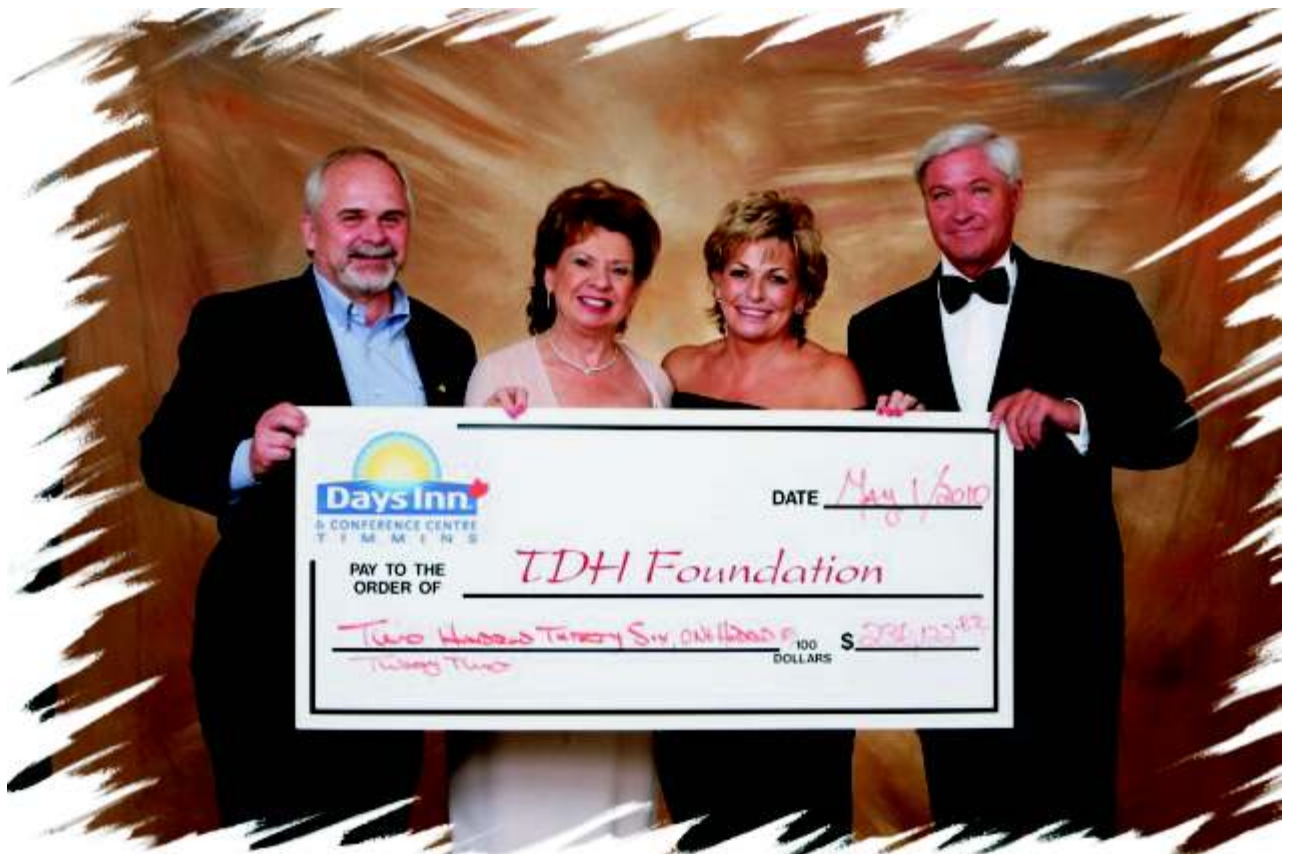
An evening such as this requires a lot of behind the scenes work. We really depend on the services and funds donated by these supporters so that more of the money raised during the gala can go towards patient care. Our heartfelt thanks to Benoit Aubé from CIBC Wood Gundy for selecting and paying for the table wines, Robert Lafleur for acting as auctioneer, Elegant Events for contributing to the ballroom décor, Party Marty for entertaining our guests with great music and lighting production, Typo - Press and Minute Man Press for printing the programs and tickets, Trans Provincial Freight Carriers for transporting supplies to Timmins from Toronto, Claude J. Gagnon Professional Photography for taking portraits during the evening, Perfect Settings for their involvement with the auction room décor, Shoppers Drug Mart and Dolores Larche for

providing gifts for the guests, and the Timmins Symphony Orchestra for playing during the cocktail hour.

Jean-Paul and Charmaine Aubé, owners of the Days Inn and Conference Centre, donated their facility as well as the dinner. Their management team also played an integral role in the success of the evening by working as unpaid volunteers. In addition, their kitchen, catering and maintenance staff spent close to 1,000 hours to make it all happen.

The outstanding commitment every year of so many individuals, businesses and organizations is a heart-warming demonstration of this community's dedication to one of its most valuable assets, the Timmins and District Hospital.

We look forward to next year's Days Inn Spring ball and hope that it will be an even bigger success.



From left to right: Allan Kean, Dolores Larche, and Charmaine and Jean-Paul Aubé

Teams are asked to Cleanup for ER Department

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation in collaboration with TimminsGetClean marked the launch of the third annual “Cleaning our community for a Healthier Tomorrow!” The proceeds of this year’s event will be allocated towards the ER department at T&DH.

On Saturday, May 29, 2010 the community will once again experience a city overhaul. The community-wide clean up will not only beautify our city, but it will also support the T&DH ER department. People from across the district are urged to come together to raise funds for the hospital while spreading the message of a clean environment.

“The ER department at T&DH sees approximately 100 people per day,”

Dr. Loreto said. “That’s over 45,000 patients a year. The department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The reality is we have a shortage of general practitioners in Timmins, so many people seek out the services of ER. For many people, ER is where they receive primary care. In addition, we’re the first department that will treat critically injured or ill patients of all ages. We play a vital role in patient care and we have many needs. I’m excited that we were chosen as the recipients of the proceeds of this year’s Cleaning our Community.”

Rick Cecconi from TimminsGetClean stated that last year’s event raised \$61,000. “The money raised during the last cleanup was used to purchase new foetal

monitors for the obstetrics department. The teams collected 10,150 lbs worth of garbage. We were very, very pleased with results and we’re hoping to achieve higher results this year. We decided to change the venue this year due to the poor weather we’ve had during the two last cleanups. We will host the cleanup at the McIntyre Curling Club. This way, we can deal with whatever Mother Nature has in store.”

The day’s agenda will include:

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Orientation
9:15 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	Aerial Picture
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Cleanup
12:00 p.m.	BB Q and prize handouts



From left to right: Dr. Chris Loreto and Rick Cecconi

2009 Annual Appeal Highest Grossing to Date

The 2009 Annual Appeal has been the most successful to date with \$164,933.86 net being raised from 1,464 donations.

In the spring and fall, thousands of letters are sent to the homes of our donors in order to ask their support towards our campaign.

This is one of our most successful appeals because expenses are minimal and the rate of return is high. One area where we would like to see

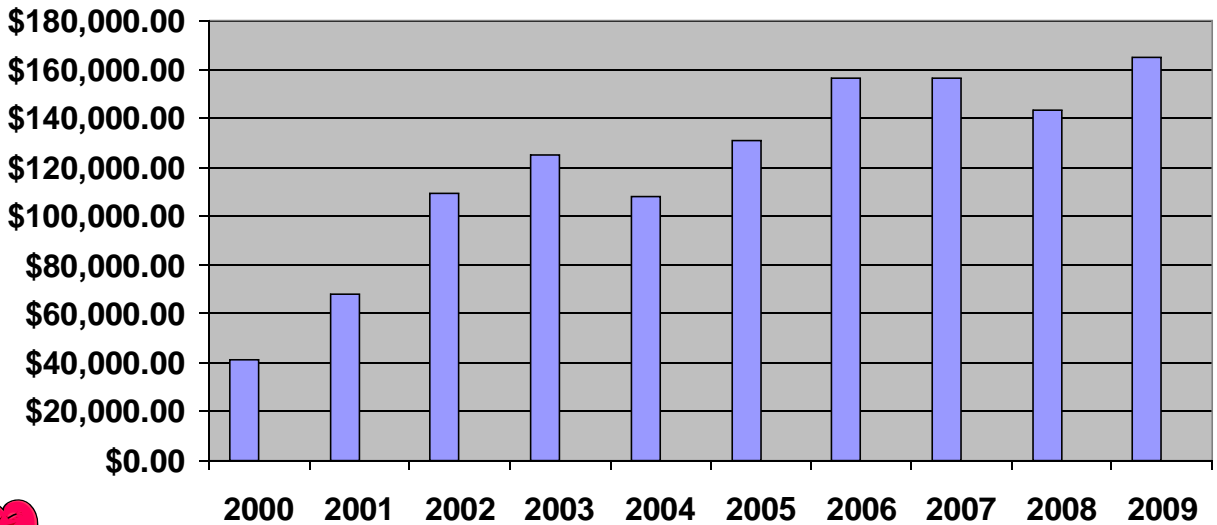
more participation is monthly giving. Donors can write post-dated cheques or provide us with their credit card number and a donation will be debited each month in the amount of their choosing. If you are interested in donating monthly, please call us a (705) 360-6039.

Since 2000, a total of \$1,204,057.10 has been raised from the Annual Appeal.

The Foundation board of directors wishes to thank all donors who

contributed to the 2009 Annual Appeal. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated by us, by the staff at T&DH and most importantly, by the patients.

We would also like to thank Pierre de Laplante who chaired this program since 2000. His dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated. Michel Lessard is the new chairperson for the 2010 Annual Appeal. We are very pleased to have him aboard.



2009 Christmas Card Campaign Wrapped-Up

The 2009 Christmas Card Campaign was extremely important because it was the last fundraising appeal of the 2007-2009 "Give... for the Health of it!" Campaign. We are pleased to announce that \$59,067.15 (net) was raised.

The 2009 Annual CTV/Davidson de Laplante Insurance Group Christmas

Card Campaign was launched on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 with over 55,000 cards mailed out to every household, apartment and business from Attawapiskat to Chapleau and from Hearst to Latchford.

Donations to the 2009 Christmas Card Campaign brought in total of 949 cards returned to the Foundation.

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generosity of CTV and Davidson de Laplante Insurance Group for sponsoring the 2009 Christmas Card Campaign and to every donor that contributed to this campaign.



From left to right: Jason Laneville, CTV, Pierre de Laplante, Davidson de Laplante Insurance Group, Dave McGirr and Gabriel Provost

Upgraded Online Giving One Click Away Thanks to The Venture Centre

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that our website has been redesigned thanks to a \$5,000 grant from The Venture Centre's Local Initiatives Contribution Fund.

The Local Initiatives Contribution Fund is made possible through grants from FedNor Industry Canada," Gerry Talbot said. "We are able to disburse funds to local organizations and to projects that will have an impact on economic development. The Foundation plays a role in our community because they are able to provide T&DH with much-needed funds to purchase specialized medical equipment. The equipment that doctors have access to will affect their decision on where to practice. If they setup a practice in Timmins, then that means office support is required and as a result, jobs are created."

To keep up with the times, the Foundation found it necessary to

create a more convenient and user-friendly website. People want quick access to information from the comfort of their own home and the new website will accommodate this trend. The website will allow us to expand on some of our current giving programs. For example, the Tribute gift is a simple way for someone to honour a special occasion. The individual would complete a simple online form with the necessary information and a card would be sent to the honouree by the Foundation staff. This is a good example of a simple and secure method of donating.

"We're very excited regarding the funding received from The Venture Centre," Dave McGirr said. "Technology is rapidly changing and we need to keep abreast of the changes. Having an up-to-date website with the ability to update and change information within your own setting is very beneficial. The

foundation will now have this ability thanks to the funding received today."

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of The Venture Centre. "The Venture Centre / Le Centre de développement is a community-based, non-profit organization which is dedicated to creating entrepreneurship, community development and economic opportunity. They work with the Northern Ontario communities of Timmins, Gogama, Foleyet, Mattagami First Nation, Shining Tree and Biscotasing. The total population we serve is approximately 50,000" Ms. Henry said.

Visit our website at: www.tadhfoundation.com and see for yourself our amazing new look!



From left to right: Gerry Talbot, The Venture Centre, Dave McGirr and Chantal Henry, The Venture Centre

Gary Marriott Wins the De Beers Canada Victor Mine Diamond Thanks to Ticket No. 241

Gary Marriott became the lucky winner of a \$20,000 1 carat diamond donated by De Beers Canada Victor Mine. The \$25,000 prize package includes the 1 carat diamond, the mounting of a pendant or a ring up to \$1,000 donated by Cousineau Fine Jewellery, the transportation of the diamond donated by Brinks Canada, and a day trip for two to the De Beers Canada Victor Mine in Attawapiskat and the cutting and polishing plant in Sudbury. The diamond, which has just been cut and polished from Ontario's first diamond mine, was part of a draw organized in support of the Timmins and District Hospital Foundation's 2007-2009 "Give.. for the Health of it!" Campaign.

"I bought this ticket because it was for a good cause," said Mr. Marriott. "I hoped to be the lucky winner but I didn't really think it was going to happen because I never won anything in my life. Well, there is a first-time for everything. This precious gem is a great first prize. The diamond is spectacular and this will make a

wonderful Christmas gift."

"The Timmins and District Hospital is a key health care partner for the De Beers Canada Victor Mine, so we are pleased to have been able to assist the T&DH in raising funds that will improve health care for our employees and the people of Northeastern Ontario. We look forward to building on this partnership in the years to come," said Tom Ormsby, De Beers Canada Victor Mine, Director of External & Corporate Affairs.

The lottery tickets sold for \$200 each or \$900 for a booklet of five tickets. The Foundation was able to raise \$78,320 net with a total of 458 tickets sold. Sixty books were sold out of 100 books and the remaining sales were single tickets.

"First off, I would like to congratulate Mr. Marriott for being the lucky winner," said Dave McGirr. "I would like to thank De Beers Canada Victor Mine for choosing the

Foundation as being the first recipient of a donated gem from De Beers Canada Victor Mine. I would also like to thank Brinks Canada and Cousineau Fine Jewellery for sponsoring this project. The organizing committee and the Foundation board played an integral role in the ticket sales. The efforts of everyone involved are very much appreciated. Most importantly however, their efforts will have a positive impact on the lives of patients at T&DH.

"Everyone who attended the wine and cheese on December 19, 2009 were excited to hear the name of the lucky winner," said Gabriel Provost. "I'm sure many people were disappointed when their name wasn't picked, but I think they were still excited to be part of such a wonderful fund raiser. I would like to thank each and every person who bought a ticket for this draw. Their generosity is what made the success of our lottery a reality."



From left to right: Tom Ormsby, De Beers Canada, Gabriel Provost, Heather Duhn, De Beers Canada, and Dave McGirr

New Ophthalmology Services at T&DH

We are excited that T&DH is now home to this region's first full-time ophthalmologist in many years.

Denise Fiset, Resource Ophthalmology Nurse, said that T&DH is now offering a wide range of ophthalmology services.

- Cataract surgery
- Retinal surgery
- Laser procedures
- Glaucoma surgery
- Eye injury treatment
- Ophthalmic angiography
- Minor eye surgeries

"A lot of equipment was purchased so the we could start offering new ophthalmology services," Ms. Fiset said. "I trained with Dr. Alejandro Oliver and with the equipment supplier. In turn, I trained another nurse at T&DH to assist with these procedures. All nurses will eventually be trained in order to handle the influx of patients.

Right now, approximately 20 patients per week visit the OR."

Dr. Oliver's presence in Timmins means that cataract surgery waits are much shorter and our patients are better served during an emergency. He currently provides high quality general ophthalmology services. We are anticipating that he will also offer a subspecialty in vitreoretinal surgery, which is only available in Southern Ontario. The only other cities in Ontario that provide this subspecialty are Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Oshawa, Kingston and Ottawa. This equates to an approximate eight-hour drive for our residents if they require this service.

Ms. Fiset continued to say that the patients are extremely happy with the care they are receiving. "I hear time and again how happy our patients are and what a great service we are providing to the north. Driving times

are greatly reduced because of Dr. Oliver's presence in Timmins."

FACTS:

Cataracts:

- 7 percent of people over 40 have cataracts in 1 or both eyes
- 50 percent by age 80

Diabetes:

- 1-2 percent of the population
- 20 percent of these have

Vision

- Threatening eye disease

Glaucoma:

- 1-2 percent of the population

Work Injuries:

- 2000 each business day



This map represents the cities in Ontario who offer a Retina Subspecialty.



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Celebration to Honour Foundation Donors and Volunteers

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation honoured donors and volunteers during the Friends of the Foundation Celebration, which took place on November 25, 2009.

This marked the 13th year where we honoured our top donors of the year. We decided to add a component to recognize the important work done by hospital volunteers, by the T&DH Auxiliary and by pastoral care services. Hence, why the evening was renamed to the Friends of the Foundation Celebration.

In total, 68 new donors have been added to our new donor recognition

system and 25 have upgraded to a new gift level.

Volunteers of the year were presented to Roger Martin (T&DH), to Nancy Pandolfi (T&DH Auxiliary) and Maureen Michel (pastoral care services) for donating their time to the patients of T&DH. They were presented with embroidered blankets compliments of Tweed & Hickory.

T&DH's new President and CEO, Roger Walker, also took this opportunity to introduce himself to our donors. In addition, Dr. Alejandro Oliver was the evening's special guest speaker. He provided information

regarding his specialty in retina surgery and he also provided general statistics on eye conditions. The Foundation would like to thank Mr. Walker and Dr. Oliver for their time.

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation would like to thank all donors for their generosity. Efforts by the Foundation to provide state-of-the-art medical equipment to the patients of T&DH are ongoing, and we would like to encourage everyone in the District to follow the example set by our donors.

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From left to right: Frances Zobetz, Lillian Dobson, Edna Virc, Nancy Pandolphi.

First “Bidding... for the Health of it!” Auction a Huge Success Thanks to Volunteers, Businesses and Bidders

\$20,116.00 net was raised during the first “Bidding... for the Health of it!” charity auction that took place on October 28th, 2009 at the Timmins Inn & Suites. The funds raised during the evening were allocated towards the purchase of a new lighting system for the obstetrics department at T&DH.

Mr. Robert Lafleur spoke on behalf of the organizing committee. “I’m very pleased with the amount of money raised during this first T&DH Foundation fundraising auction. I would like to thank all attendees for showing their support. In addition, I would like to thank all businesses who donated an item. Most of all, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all of the work they put into the event. Their support is what made this auction a success.”

The organizing committee comprised of Mr. Lafleur, Linda Pasi, Ryan Taylor, Amanda Dyer, Mike Kentish, Sylvia Milinkovich and Claude Gagnon.



From Left to right: Amanda Dyer, Ryan Taylor, Linda Pasi, Mike Kentish, Gabriel Provost, Vicky Bernard and Dave McGirr

Mr. Gabriel Provost attended the evening and stated that there was a few friendly bidding wars. “There was some really good stuff up for grabs like a generator, jewellery, many gift certificates, NHL tickets, tools, bikes and artwork, just to name a few. Furthermore, people scored

some really good deals. For example, the generator was worth \$1,400 and it sold for \$700. People should definitely take the opportunity next year to get good bargains and at the same time support a good cause.”



Restaurants Make a Difference by “Dining... for the Health of it!”

The Timmins and District Hospital Foundation hosted its first ever initiative “Dining... for the Health of it!” on Thursday, September 24, 2009. A total of 22 restaurants participated in the event which raised a total of \$16,438. Participating restaurants included; A&W, Boston Pizza, Casey’s Bar and Grill, Chip Hut, Christopher’s Coffee House, East Side Mario’s, Esso Truck Stop Restaurant, Fishbowl Restaurant, Hwy 11 Country Inn Bar & Grill, Le Voyageur, Restaurant at Cedar Meadows Resort Inc., Matt Shack’s Chip Stand, Micky J’s Big House Bar & Grill, Pizza Hut, Siva’s Family Restaurant, The Gallery Dining room at the Days Inn, The Sweet Tomato, Tim Hortons - Riverside Drive, Tim Hortons - South Porcupine, Tim Hortons - Timmins Square, Wendy’s Restaurant, Wok

Restaurant. Unfortunately, Mike’s Restaurant was in the process of completing renovations and were unable to participate on the 24th. However, an event for the restaurant will be planned shortly.

We also wish to thank 99.3 EZ Rock and Q92 for being the media

sponsor for this event. As a media sponsor, 99.3 EZ Rock and Q92 promoted “Dining... for the Health of it!” with a combination of on-air promotional commercials, live announcer mentions, and web exposure on both www.ezrocktimmins.com and www.q92timmins.com.



Pictured are sponsors and representatives from all participating restaurants. Thank you!



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 Proceeds will go towards
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