

Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation's Black and White Gala Committee Celebrates Five Years!

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PEMBROKE – Get 'em while they're hot! The Black and White Gala Committee is delighted to announce the launch of its ticket and sponsorship sales for this year's fifth annual signature event.

It's been five years since the Foundation sought out the talent and enthusiasm from volunteer members of our community to create a one-of-a-kind signature fundraiser for the Pembroke Regional Hospital. And wow! they did not disappoint! These volunteers were dedicated, eager, creative - and above all - committed to improving our Hospital.

Over the past five years, the Gala has blossomed into a premiere Valley social occasion – one that combines a touch of glamour with the fundamental purpose of supporting the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser help to enhance patient care and healthcare delivery through capital improvements, the purchase of medical equipment, and funding of programs and services at the Pembroke Regional Hospital.

“Since 2005, the Black and White Gala has raised more than \$353,000 for our Hospital,” said Dr. Christy Natsis, Chair of the Sponsorship Committee. “Every year I'm so inspired by the generosity and support shown by this community. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished so far, but also know that there is still much to be done. We need to ensure the Pembroke Regional Hospital is at the leading edge of life-saving technologies, is more accessible through expanded regional capabilities, and is positioned to be an employer of choice for promising healthcare talent.”

The fifth annual Black and White Gala will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Normandy Officers' Mess at CFB Petawawa. Ticket and Sponsorship packages are available from any Gala Committee member or from the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation office. Gala attendees will also be given the exclusive opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a trip for two to any scheduled WestJet destination along with one round trip for two, courtesy of VIA Rail Canada, from Ottawa to Halifax.

“Be sure to purchase your tickets early, so you are not disappointed. This year's event promises to be even more exciting as we celebrate our fifth annual Gala,” said Marnie Stunt, Chair of the PRH Foundation Board and Gala Committee Chair. “On behalf of the Gala Committee, I would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors and attendees for the tremendous support they have shown the Foundation. Your contributions ensure that the PRH is able to continue its ongoing pursuit of exceptional health care for patients in our communities. For our fifth anniversary, I encourage everyone – businesses and individuals – to join together in making our Hospital the best that it can be. And the wonderful thing is, we can do it all through an evening of extraordinary cuisine, fine wines, and fabulous entertainment

For Gala tickets or more information about sponsorships, please contact Terry Daschuk, Donor Relations Coordinator for the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation, at 613-732-2811, ext. 7408 or foundation@pemreghos.org.