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The First “it’s my hospital” Gala Raises over \$85,000

Peterborough, ON – Saturday, May 31, the cafeteria of the new PRHC was host to the first annual PRHC Foundation Gala. The glitzy event raised over \$85,000 for the *By Your Side* Campaign.

Jim Devlin, Chair of the *By Your Side* Campaign received rave reviews for the food, music and atmosphere. “Saturday night’s gala was a tremendous success because once again, it was another showing of how our community comes together to make things happen. I had discussions with many in attendance who call PRHC their place of employment and there is no doubt that the excitement displayed by them will result in a huge boost in morale.”

The success of the evening was truly a team effort. The Gala’s Volunteer Organizing Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Bharat Maini and Sandra Willoughby, is a group of dedicated volunteers who were committed to working diligently to offer an outstanding event, while raising much-needed funds for the *By Your Side* Campaign.

Michael Skinner, President and CEO of Operitel Investments, a significant corporate donor to the campaign, volunteered behind the bar alongside his staff from the 2nd Floor Lounge and Rooster Nightclub. “I am overwhelmed by the amount of personal time and effort that the community has given to our hospital. It has been a true testament to the spirit of the Peterborough. When we were presented with the opportunity to participate in the Gala, I was honored by the immediate support of all my staff. Volunteering alongside the bartending staff gave me an interesting perspective of how vital the volunteers are along with financial gifts.”

The PRHC Foundation and the Gala’s Volunteer Organizing Committee would like recognize the valuable contribution of our sponsors and concerned community members for their energy, enthusiasm and dedication to making our first gala a huge success.

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