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7th Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala Raised \$122,000 for the CT Scanner Campaign!

Richmond, B.C. - The 7th Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala, which took place on August 7th, 2009 at the Twin Oaks Farm, was yet another spectacular success, with gorgeous weather, a sold-out crowd of 260 guests, and over \$122,000 raised for the CT Scanner Campaign. This popular annual event brought the Richmond Hospital one big step closer to getting a state-of-the-art 128-Slice Adaptive CT Scanner.

This year the gala was once again emceed by Dawn Chubai of Citytv and brought out a host of fabulous local guests as well as horse aficionados from Arizona, Ontario and Alberta. Attendees enjoyed the Penta Builders Group sponsored Equestrian Speed Derby, where riders attempt the jumping course at break-neck speeds, a delicious buffet dinner catered by Out to Lunch Catering, and a fabulous silent auction which featured a wide variety of silent auction items including a luxurious yacht dinner cruise, Kubota lawn tractor, exclusive golf and wine packages, and unique items for horse enthusiasts.

The most popular program of the night, undoubtedly, was the live team auction. During this exciting, no-holds-barred event, guests bid on 16 teams of 3 riders performing in hilarious and at times racy costumes to attract bids. Riders put on quite the show for their bidders, wearing costumes ranging from Spiderman to Playboy bunnies, and Little Red Riding Hood to the Village People. Three female riders who wore wedding gowns with faux pregnant bellies coined themselves as 'brides in a hurry,' and a group of children and adults posing as bicycle demonstrators kept the otherwise competitive live auction fun, friendly and cheeky. The highest bidder became the "owner" of the riding teams, and the teams competed against each other in a jumping showdown on Saturday, August 8th.

The event was capped by another fabulous surprise - a donation of \$50,000 from Laurie and Barry Cavanaugh. More wonderful donations followed, as many of the attendees gave generously and spontaneously in support of this important equipment purchase.

"What a fabulous event, the feedback from guests was tremendous. We are so grateful to Laurie Cavanaugh and Trevor Graham co-owners of Twin Oaks Farm for providing this amazing venue and their incredible support. It's fantastic that this truly a Richmond experience is in support of our community hospital and brings us closer to our \$500,000 goal for our new 128 - Slice Adaptive CT Scanner" said Lisa Westermarck, CEO of the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

The Richmond Hospital Foundation is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital.

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A rider competing in the Equestrian Speed Derby



The Outdoor tent at Twin Oaks Farm



"Brides in a Hurry" Live Auction Team



The Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood Performing as part of the Live Auction