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*Cork, Canvas
& Cuisine*

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**2nd Annual Cork, Canvas & Cuisine was a Sold Out Success –
raising \$30,000!**

A fabulous evening of sipping delicious wines from around the world and rubbing shoulders with remarkable artists was just the beginning at the Richmond Hospital Foundation's 2nd Annual Cork, Canvas & Cuisine event, which occurred on June 5th at the Best Western Richmond Inn Hotel & Convention Centre.

"We are so grateful to the wineries, wine merchants, restaurants, fantastic artists, and sponsors for making the 2nd Cork, Canvas & Cuisine a great success," said Westermark.

This year's wine tasting, food tasting and art auction event was a sold out success. It was also one of the final fundraising events to help purchase a critically needed MRI for Richmond Hospital. Before the night was over attendees were already asking for tickets for next year.

"This year we featured over 100 wines work by ten local artists and we had fantastic food samples from ten local restaurants. Our artists represented a variety of styles and due to the quality of their work the silent auction really heated up—overall, the night was a smashing success," said Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Westermark.

Ten local restaurants (Globe@YVR, Papi's Ristorante Italiano, Cactus Club, Earls Restaurant, The Boathouse Restaurant in Richmond, among others) showcased scrumptious hors d'oeuvres that were carefully paired with the wines. One of the ten food stations was a partnership between the three Richmond Save-On-Foods and the students of the Matthew McNair Secondary School Teaching Kitchen.

Artists Jeanette Jarville, Raymond Chow, Jill Charuk, Danny Chen and Loraine Wellman, among others were at the event to mingle with guests and display original pieces from their collections. The art sale and silent auction were the focus of attention throughout the evening as guests browsed, purchased and bid on beautiful one-of-a-kind pieces. Nobody wanted to go home empty handed!

Cork, Canvas & Cuisine was made possible through the generous sponsorships of: Concord Pacific Harmony Trust, Oris Consulting Ltd., Johnston, Ross & Cheng Ltd. and many others.

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.

Next Events:

1) Irwin Barker & Friends: Fighting Cancer with Comedy on Saturday, June 13, at the River Rock Show Theatre. This will be a hilarious evening of stand-up comedy. Irwin Barker is a Gemini-nominated comedy writer on CBC's award-winning *Rick Mercer Report*. Also featuring comedians Graham Clark from *The CityNews List*, triple Gemini winner Tim Steeves, and Toronto's own Tim Rykert, along with a few surprise guests! Buy your tickets today (\$33.50): 604-244-5252 or www.richmondhospitalfoundation.com

2) Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala on August 7, 2009 at one of BC's finest horse shows, the Twin Oaks Derby. Tickets are \$125, call 604-244-5252 or visit www.richmondhospitalfoundation.com