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Fabulous and Fun Community Event Raises Funds for The Richmond Hospital Foundation's MRI Campaign

It was a night to remember inspired by one artist's wish to honour his mother's memory.

After his mother passed away on the palliative care unit at Richmond Hospital, Robert H. McMurray approached The Richmond Hospital Foundation wanting to donate two paintings. Lisa Westermarck, executive director, was pleased to accept the paintings for display on the unit and, after admiring this wonderful artwork, asked if he would be interested in participating in an art sale to benefit the hospital. Cork & Canvas was born!

Held at the UBC Boathouse (rowing club in Richmond) on Thursday night, Cork & Canvas featured inspiring local art and exquisite wines. Artists John B. Beatty, Marco Berera, Jill Charuk, Raymond Chow, Sharleen Hartfiel, Jeanette Jarville, Robert H. McMurray, Eileen Oxendale, Michael Tickner and Loraine Wellman were at the event to mingle with guests and display their art. 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!

Local wineries and wine merchants provided tasting stations and guests were delighted with a fantastic variety of fabulous wines from B.C. and France. The enticing display of artisan cheeses, pate, crackers, fresh fruit and chocolate covered strawberries was prepared by students of the Matthew McNair Secondary School Teaching Kitchen with food that was generously donated by Save-On-Foods Ackroyd. Guest favourites include the delicious Truffini, donated by Brockmann's Chocolate, and the superb performance of classical and contemporary music by harpist, Josephine Lee.

Cork & Canvas was made possible through a generous lead sponsorship from CIBC Wood Gundy.

"We are so grateful to the gifted artists, fantastic wineries, merchants and sponsors for making our first Cork & Canvas a great success," said Westermarck. "We raised over \$10,000 for our MRI Campaign and made 130 new friends! We hope to grow the event to provide an opportunity for even more community involvement. Don't miss it next year!"

The next foundation event is the Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala Dinner on August 8, 2008. Hosted by Twin Oaks Farms, this exclusive event is part of one of BC's finest horse shows, the Kubota Cup Twin Oaks Derby. Tables are \$1,250 (tickets \$125) call 604-244-5252 to reserve your table now.

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. A Board of Trustees who represents a broad spectrum of the community governs the foundation.