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**RICHMOND HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**



**Daimasu's Lunch for Life Fundraiser
Raises \$2,000 For Richmond Hospital's MRI Campaign!**

Richmond, B.C. – From June to October this year, Daimasu lunch goers were doing more than just dining on the Restaurant's delicious selection of sushi and bento boxes. They were also helping their community hospital get a life saving machine – the MRI.

Daimasu Restaurant was able to raise \$2,000 in support of the MRI campaign by donating partial proceeds of all lunch menu items sold during the five months.

“The MRI has now been installed and the construction is complete, once the 128 Slice CT Scanner is installed in December it will feel like a whole new imaging department with the latest, top of the line equipment. The grand opening will happen in January” says Lisa Westermarck, CEO of Richmond Hospital Foundation. “We are grateful to Mr. Mike Kayo and Mr. Takaaki Masuda, owners of Daimasu Restaurant, whose generous efforts led to this wonderful gift. Thanks to all the staff at Daimasu for their support in improving care at Richmond Hospital.”

This fundraiser was so successful that Daimasu has decided to continue to show their generosity to Richmond Hospital and our community by supporting our current Emergency Campaign. If you've haven't been to Daimasu, now is a great time to try it. The food and ambience are great and you get to support a great cause at the same time.

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. Over 85% of new and replacement medical equipment of Richmond Hospital is funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

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Photo Caption: From left, **Mr. Takaaki Masuda**, **Lisa Westermarck**, CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation and **Mr. Mike Kayo**.