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RICHMOND HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION

*Starlight Gala*

## 13<sup>th</sup> STARLIGHT GALA A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!

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**NOVEMBER 2, 2011 (RICHMOND, BC)** – On Saturday, October 29, 2011, the River Rock Casino Resort & Show Theatre, was transformed into a James Bond (007) inspired mystery, for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Starlight Gala, raising over \$400,000 in support of the Operating Room (OR) Campaign at Richmond Hospital.

With a sold out crowd, 450 guests enjoyed a fabulous ‘Shaken Not Stirred’ reception sponsored by AM-PRI Group, which featured body painted villains, an ice sculptured Bond martini bar, and guests frantically bid on over 200 spectacular silent auction items. During the reception guests also took their chance at the ‘Wine Wall’, where they could buy a number that was associated with 200 bottles of wine. Hidden within the wall were three bottles of Dom Perignon Andy Warhol limited edition.

Emceed by Dawn Chubai of Citytv, guests entered the Show Theatre which was elegantly dressed with clear Chiavari chairs which appeared to float on the ballroom floor. While the guests enjoyed a spectacular five-course dinner, “wine fairies” danced above the tables pouring wine. Some of the priceless live auction items included: a rare meet and greet with Bryan Adams, in New York, your choice of Holland America Line cruise for up to 10 days, rare wines, and much more!

“This year’s gala was bigger, bolder and more exciting than ever! The River Rock was transformed with sky high draping as guests entered into the Show Theatre, body painted Bond Girls, and the opening act with James Bond flew onto the stage to catch the diamond thieves was phenomenal” said Barbra Goodwin, Chair, Special Events for Richmond Hospital Foundation. There were many Bond “secret agent” inspired surprises during the evening. Guests watched while Bond tried to capture the diamond thieves. The party continued with ABBAMANIA pumping out exceptional live music, keeping the crowd dancing into the wee hours!

The goal of the benefit was to raise funds to support our Operating Room (OR) Campaign. Our goal is to renovate and equip additional operating rooms with state-of-the-art technology with Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS).

“I am inspired by each guest that attended on Saturday. They are our visionary community leaders, our generous sponsors, our amazing donors, and our medical and hospital leaders I’m sure that every person has either been touched or touched Richmond Hospital in some way”, Richmond Hospital is so much more than just a hospital. The care that is provided extends throughout the community, it’s where our friends and neighbours work, where your sons and daughters or your grandchildren were born, where broken bones were mended, or surgeries undertaken, it’s our hospital and we are so fortunate to have this kind of quality care right here in Richmond. It’s because of each of our guests that I know, today and in the future, we can provide the highest quality of care for our families and friends, our loved ones”, said Natalie D. Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

The Starlight Gala is the Richmond Hospital Foundation’s signature event and is Richmond’s largest and most prestigious fundraiser. Since the inaugural Starlight Gala in 1999, the event has raised over \$2.5 million for Richmond Hospital.

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