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The Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence Raises \$500,300 net for its 23rd Annual Valentine's Ball 2nd Virtual Edition

KIRKLAND, Quebec, February 11, 2022 – The 23rd Annual Valentine's Ball benefitting the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence (the Residence) was a huge success raising \$500,300 net thanks to the generosity of close to 400 guests, sponsors and donors. Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions, the event was held for a second year on a customized, interactive online platform coupled with an in-home gastronomic experience.

Guests enjoyed a four-course gourmet meal from Ristorante Beatrice delivered to their homes and participated in an interactive virtual online program that combined live in-studio and pre-recorded entertainment, exclusive musical performances, and special guests.

"This year marks the Residence's 20th anniversary since we opened our doors and while we continue to evolve in this "new normal", the Residence's mission remains the same: to provide quality palliative care to the community. We are so very grateful to all our donors! Their unwavering commitment and support will ensure that patients and their families continue to feel special, safe and comfortable at a most vulnerable time", said Dale Weil, Executive Director of the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence.

Musical performances included **Minimum Standards** featuring **Ranee Lee** and **the Damn Truth**. Also among the guests were media, entertainment and sports personalities including **Anthony Calvillo**, legendary Montreal Alouettes quarterback and Canadian Football Hall of Fame inductee, and **Otis Grant**, former WBO Middle Weight Champion of the World and Executive Director of the Otis Grant & Friends Foundation, and Queen of Blues, **Dawn Tyler Watson**. Media personalities **Mark Kelley**, **Andrew Carter**, and **Sharon Hyland** were also in attendance.

At the helm of the evening's program again this year were **Yolande James**, Executive Director, Diversity and Inclusion at Radio-Canada and Foundation Board member of the Residence, and **Jamie Orchard**, journalist and Senior Advisor, Public Relations & Media, VIA Rail Canada. **Cole Pinnow**, President of Pfizer Canada, served as Honorary President of the Ball. He highlighted the organization's longstanding dedication to the Residence and shared a touching personal story.

Provincial and municipal politicians in attendance at the virtual event included MNAs **Monsef Derraji** (Nelligan), **Greg Kelley** (Jacques-Cartier) and **Marwah Rizqy** (Saint-Laurent), **Carlos Leitão** (Baldwin-Cartier) and **Kathleen Weil** (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce); as well as mayors **Heidi Ektvedt** and **Michel Gibson** of Baie-D'Urfé and Kirkland respectively.

We sincerely thank our major sponsors who supported the Ball this year: **Pfizer Canada**, **Charles River**, **Hagen Group**, **TASK** and **Merck**. Other sponsors for the evening included **Roxboro Excavation**, **Ville de Pointe-Claire**, **Delmar International**, **National Bank** and the **Air Canada Foundation**.



Chair of the organizing committee and Vice President of the Foundation Board of the Residence, **Linda Ward O'Farrell**, noted, "Having to organize a second virtual edition of the Annual Valentine's Ball was no small task but thanks to a passionate and dedicated team who worked tirelessly we were able to raise important funds for the Residence to continue offering quality palliative care."

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About the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence

The Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence is an independent, non-profit organization that provides services free of charge to patients and their families. The Residence relies on community support and fundraising activities to raise more than \$3.9 million each year, which complements our government subsidy. With its 23 beds, the Residence is the largest free-standing palliative care facility in Canada and is recognized as a leader in its field. Since our inception, we have provided end of life care for over 5,000 patients and 20,000 family members.

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