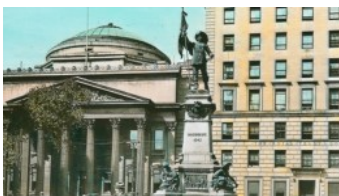


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Great success for the 6th edition of the Bâton Rouge Gastronomy Event of the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation

The Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation (LGHF) held the 6th edition of the Annual Bâton Rouge Gastronomy Event on March 21, with close to 200 guests in attendance. The colorful evening helped raise \$ 50,100, which will be allocated to the Intensive Care Unit of the Lakeshore General Hospital.

In addition to an auspicious evening where guests could savor a four-course meal, an open bar, and freely flowing wine, the LGHF relied on proceeds from a silent auction of 37 various items, the auction of jewelery, and the raffle of two gift baskets, an iHome clock, and most notably the grand prize: a *Judith Ripka* necklace valued at more than \$ 1,000.

“We are particularly grateful to our hosts, the owners of the restaurant Bâton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar in DDO for their hospitality and their tremendous generosity. Thanks to their donation of food, alcoholic beverages, and service, all proceeds collected during the evening will be directly reinvested in health care in the West-Island community,” said Ms. Heather Holmes, Managing director of the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation.

Ms. Holmes and Dr. Fiore Lalla, Co-Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, took advantage of the event to present the *Humanitarian Award* to Mr. Nick Di Tomaso, for his exceptional contribution to the betterment of the West-Island community for a quarter of a century, by way of his time, his commitment, and his passion.



From left to right: Peter Gianopoulos, Co-owner of the Bâton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar, DDO, Dr. Fiore Lalla, Co-Chair Board of Directors LGHF, Heather Holmes, Managing Director LGHF, John Frintzilas, Co-owner of the Bâton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar, DDO