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Lakeshore General Hospital Gala

"I was born at the Lakeshore General Hospital; I died there, and I was saved there," Craig Read.



By Rhonda Massad
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One of the best parties of the year, every year, took place last Saturday night, November 12, at the Marriott In-Terminal Hotel in Dorval. More than 300 guests were welcomed by a team of Brazilian dancers adorning feather headdresses and beaded costumes in support of the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation (LGHF). The cocktail reception started the evening off with delicious tastes that continued throughout the soiree.

The community driven patrons joined forces to the tune of \$600 a ticket to support their community hospital, now serving five times the population than it did when the hospital opened in 1960. Together they helped raise \$502,200 for improved health care in the region.

Craig Read, a patient of the Lakeshore General Hospital, spoke to a crowded room about his life-saving experience at the hands of the doctors and nurses at the hospital.



Rhonda Massad, Terry Dimonte Ted Bird

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"I remember pleading to breathe," he said to the silent ballroom. "The head nurse was screaming at me to keep fighting. It was not luck that kept me alive it was talent."

Forty-year-old Read considers October 12, the day he was saved from a pulmonary embolism, his second birthday.

"I was born at the Lakeshore, I died at the Lakeshore, and I was saved at the Lakeshore," he explained. "Doctors spend their entire lives learning their craft. Their craft is to save lives and prolong life."

Member of the National Assembly, Martin Coiteux, echoed Read's support of the LGHF.

"It is important that we come out to events like this to help support the work that the Foundation is doing," Coiteux stated. "The enthusiasm of this room filled with a community is why the financial objectives have been met tonight."

LGHF board member and Kirkland City Councillor Tony Di Gennaro was more than pleased with the results of the event.

"Chances are pretty good that if you get sick, you will end up at the Lakeshore Hospital," he said, "We need to put our efforts into the service to our residents. You will notice there are a lot of doctors here tonight. They are dedicated

to providing top quality service to our community."

LGHF has set a goal of \$4.6 million dollars for 2016-2017. The money raised will help improve the level of critical, cardiac, geriatric, and mental health care West Islanders receive, close to home.

