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The 5th edition of the *Surf and Turf Dinner* in support of the Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache has surpassed its previous record.

Saint-Eustache, May 17th, 2024 – The **5th edition of the Surf and Turf Dinner** was held last Thursday June 16th, at the Centre culturel et communautaire Thérèse-De Blainville and was co-chaired by Mrs. Liza Poulin, Mayor of Blainville and Pascal Quevillon, Mayor of Oka. The event raised an unprecedented **\$110 005,24** in net proceeds. All funds raised will be donated to the Hôpital de Saint-Eustache to acquire state-of-the-art equipment and improve medical care offered in the Lower Laurentians community.

The event, presented by Desjardins, was a tremendous success. The Chairman of the Fondation's Board of Directors, Mr Pierre Mayer, Senior Associate at Trivium Avocats Notaires Conseils, was once again in charge of entertainment this year, and expressed his gratitude to all those who attended: "As the creator of the Surf and Turf Dinner in 2018, this event is particularly close to my heart. It's worth mentioning that 300 people attended the event to celebrate the 5th edition of this event. Thank you all for your commitment to the Fondation!" In addition, the honorary co-chairs had challenged their community to raise an additional \$3,000 for the event. In return, they both agreed to dress up in lobster (Mrs. Poulin) and beef (Mr. Quevillon) costumes. Mission accomplished, they exceeded their goal by raising \$4,060! Heartfelt thanks to our co-chairs for their boldness and creativity!

The team at Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache received many positive testimonials from the Lower Laurentians business community and from the many representatives, partners, and guests present at the event. Lyne Des Trois Maisons, General Manager, emphasized the importance of events like this one: "With Nuclear Medicine arriving in 2024, the expansion and modernization of the Emergency Department and the addition of a Mental Health Brief Hospitalization Unit, our financial needs in 2024 are over \$1 000 000. In 2023, we proudly raised \$1,879,726 and have committed to acquiring \$724,040 worth of equipment. I am extremely grateful for your presence here this evening, your involvement made it all possible." Mrs. Des Trois Maisons also paid a touching tribute to Diane Desjardins Lavallée, Executive Director of the Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache from 2003 to 2019, who attended the event.

Guests were treated to cocktails, clam chowder, a cold and hot buffet, an all-you-can-eat lobster and beef meal, a variety of sushi dishes, a selection of wines, desserts, and coffee, all prepared by Farsa traiteur. In addition, 10 prizes were drawn among the guests and one participant per table was able to take home the centerpiece, courtesy of Centre de jardin Jacques Barbes, which included balloons shaped like a cow, lobster, and the number 5, sponsored by Sunrise retirement homes in Blainville. Finally, the 50/50 draw, held during the evening, raised \$14,550, allowing \$7,275 to be awarded to the Fondation and the same amount to winners, Dr. Boustani and Dr. Côté!

The Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache would like to thank all event participants, donors, the organizing committee, volunteers, members of the Board of Directors and our valued partners: Desjardins, the Members of Parliament for the Lower Laurentians (National Assembly), Trivium Avocats-Notaires-Conseils, Canadian Tire St-Eustache, Journal Le Nord Info, the City of Sainte-Thérèse, Perfekson, Béton Deux-Montagnes, Centre de jardin Jacques Barbe, TFÉlectrique, Sunrise Blainville retirement homes, Members of the Thérèse-De Blainville federal constituency, Chartwell, IGA Extra Daigle Boisbriand, Staples, and Bélisle Truck Rental.

We would also like to thank the many representatives in attendance:

- The Honourable Claude Carignan, Senator;
- Nicolas Guay, Office Manager for Benoît Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Minister Responsible for the Laurentides Region Member for Deux-Montagnes ;
- Louis-Joseph Oudin, political attaché to Eric Girard, Minister of Finance, Minister Responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers and Member for Groulx;
- Louise Chabot, Member of Parliament for Thérèse-De Blainville;
- Luc Desilets, Member of Parliament for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles;
- Joannie Lemay, Office Manager for Jean-Denis Garon, Member of Parliament for Mirabel;
- Sylvie D'amours, Chair of the Committee on Labour and the Economy and Member for Mirabel ;
- Christian Goyer, Political Advisor and Office Manager for Mario Laframboise, Member for Blainville and Chief Government Whip
- Victor Pelletier, Political Attaché to the Caucus Chair,
- Christine Beaudette, Mayor of Boisbriand;
- Julie Boivin, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines;
- Patrick Charbonneau, Mayor of Mirabel;
- Christian Charron, Mayor of Sainte-Thérèse;
- Pierre Charron, Mayor of Saint-Eustache;
- Jean Comtois, Mayor of Lorraine;
- François Robillard, Mayor of Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac;
- Eric Westram, Mayor of the Rosemère;
- and of course Mrs. Liza Poulin, Mayor of Blainville and Pascal Quevillon, Mayor of Oka, our two honorary co-presidents;
- as well as numerous Municipal Councilors.

For photos of the event, please contact the FHSE. We look forward to seeing you at the 6th edition of the Surf and Turf Dinner in the spring of 2025! The next event, the 30th Annual Golf Master, will be held at the prestigious Le Mirage Golf Club on September 3rd.

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Attachment: photo of the unveiling of the final amount raised

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