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## A Record-Breaking Third Edition of the President's Dinner Fundraising Campaign: \$40,093.09 in net Proceeds!

Saint-Eustache, January 24, 2025 — The President's Dinner fundraising campaign to support the Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache took place on Thursday, January 23, at Bistro MM Station Culinaire in Blainville. The charitable event generated a record net profit of \$40,093.09! These funds will help to improve access to local healthcare for the residents of the Lower Laurentians and enable the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment for the Hôpital de Saint-Eustache.

The 5-course dinner, featuring carefully curated wine and cider pairings by sommelier Justin Thibault, was a big success this year. The event brought together 104 guests from the Lower Laurentians business community and medical staff from the Hôpital de Saint-Eustache. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food and privately imported wines. Each guest received a gift bag from Co-operators, an all-Canadian financial services co-operative, as a token of appreciation. The bag included two wine spouts, four glass markers, and a bottle stopper.

The President's Dinner, which aims to help people discover and support local restaurants, is held annually at a new venue in the Lower Laurentians. Additionally, a different sommelier showcases their finest wine selections to complement the menu.

Pierre Mayer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the FHSE and Senior Associate Lawyer at Trivium Avocats-Notaires-Conseils, expressed his delight at the success of this third edition and the enthusiasm it generated: "Seeing so many people attend this event year after year is an immense source of pride. We're fully booked for the third consecutive year. The generosity and loyalty of our donors and sponsors are remarkable. A special thank you to our Presenting Partner, the Members of Parliament for the Lower Laurentians: Mr. Benoit Charette, Member for Deux-Montagnes; Mr. Eric Girard, Member for Groulx; Ms. Sylvie D'Amours, Member for Mirabel; and Mr. Mario Laframboise, Member for Blainville. "Executive Director Lyne Des Trois Maisons expressed her gratitude to the partners and attendees, saying, "Thanks to the generosity of everyone here tonight, we can raise significant funds, including the \$1.9 million we raised in 2024. We would also like to thank our major partners: Triviüm Avocats-Notaires-Conseils, our Wine Partner, and Groupe JCL's Journal Le Nord Info, our Media Partner. Furthermore, we are thankful to all the companies that donated nearly 90 auction items, which raised over \$8,000!"

We would also like to express our gratitude to the dignitaries who were in attendance:

- The Honourable Claude Carignan, Senator
- Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Minister Responsible for the Laurentides Region Member for Deux-Montagnes;
- Luc Desilets, Member for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles
- Christian Goyer, Office Manager and Political Advisor for Mario Laframboise, Member for Blainville and Chief Whip of the government;

- Andrée Godin, Office Manager for Eric Girard, Minister of Finance, Minister Responsible for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers and Member for Groulx;
- · Arianne Collin-Gascon, Office Manager for Luc Desilets, Member for Rivière-des-Mille-Îles;
- Martine Gendron, Office Manager for Sylvie D'Amours, Chair of the Committee on Labour and the Economy and Member for Mirabel;
- · Catherine Dubeau, Political attaché to Mario Laframboise, Member for Blainville and Caucus Chair;
- Marc Lamarre, Municipal Councillor, City of Saint-Eustache;
- Yves Roy, Municipal Councillor, City of Saint-Eustache.

For more information on the Fondation Hôpital Saint-Eustache, visit <a href="https://www.fondationhopitalsainteustache.com">https://www.fondationhopitalsainteustache.com</a> or contact us at 450 974-8229. Our next fundraising event is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Surf and Turf Dinner, which will take place on Thursday, May 22, at the Centre culturel et communautaire Thérèse-De Blainville. Please contact us to reserve your spot!

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Attachment: photos of the unveiling of the final amount

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