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Official Launch to the Weekend to End Breast Cancer

On January 14, 2008, more than 130 people gathered to launch the Weekend to End Breast Cancer benefiting the IWK and the QEII. Chris Power, president and CEO, Capital Health and Anne McGuire, president and CEO, IWK Health Centre shared their support for the event and both signed up to participate.



Photo (left): President and CEO of Capital Health Chris Power signing up to walk in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer at the January 14th rally held at The Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites.

There were many personal stories including Grade 10 Citadel High students Hannah and Allana who made the decision to sign up for the Halifax Weekend. With Hannah's mom currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer and some of Allana's family members suffering from the disease, both girls want to do their part. The involvement of these two girls, along with many others, made the rally an inspirational start to a local movement to raise money for breast cancer.

Photo (right): Hannah (left) and Allana (right) will participate in the August Weekend to End Breast Cancer Walk as a way to support their friends and family members affected by breast cancer.



During one amazing weekend, August 15 to 17, 2008 you too can join many women and men to walk 60 kilometres in Halifax and help end breast cancer. **To participate**, and help fund breast cancer research, treatment and care, **call: (902) 425-WALK(9255)** or **visit: www.endcancer.ca**.

Over \$400,000 from the Bowlin Family Purchases an O-Arm

When their 17 year old daughter Jacklyn suffered a serious head injury, Michael and Barbara (Bowlin) Lowe saw a need for a portable CT scan machine at the QEII. In July of 2007 Jacklyn, an experienced trail guide at Hatfield Farm, was heading out for a guided ride when her horse turned suddenly and she fell and struck her head. She subsequently spent 14 days in a coma at the QEII and had to undergo brain surgery. With the generous gift from the Bowlin family of over \$400,000, in memory of Jacklyn's grandfather Gerald Bowlin, a portable CT scan machine called an O-Arm was purchased for the QEII's neurosurgery department. "The O-Arm provides real-time 3-D imaging during surgery which is a tremendous asset in dealing with complex spinal cases by improving surgical precision and patient safety," explains Dr. Sean Christie, neurosurgeon, QEII Health Sciences Centre. It helps procedures to be performed with greater accuracy and radiation exposure is reduced for patients and staff. Jacklyn is home now and has returned to school part-time. She is looking forward to one day pursuing a career in nursing.



Photo (above): Jacklyn Lowe with one of the miniature horses at Bowlin Farms.

Congratulations to the latest Grand-A-Week Winners

- January 4 - **Trudy Chamberlain**, Sterile Processing
- January 11 - **Diane Fitzgerald**, HCH Physiotherapy
- January 18 - **Doug Bungay**, Transitional Care
- January 25 - **Stephen Siepierski**, Anaesthesia Admin

You could be the next winner! To join the Grand-A-Week lottery, visit the Capital Health employee Intranet E-Bulletin Board for an application form and fax it to 473-4421 or call 473-7932 for more information.



Beacon Securities' Donation of Shares



Beacon Securities recently made a donation of 200 Bank of Montreal to the QEII Foundation requesting that all funds be used to support breast cancer research. Jane M. Smith, President of Beacon Securities said, "There is not a family amongst us who has not been touched by the work of the QEII. We give where we live and the QEII Foundation is part of Beacon's vision for a strong community." With consultation from Dr. Geoff Porter, in the Department of Surgery at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, the gift will be applied to the clinical trials for breast cancer research.

Funds for Eyes and Hearts

Thanks to all of you who gave the gift of health this past holiday season. The QEII Foundation's 2007 Holiday Appeal targeted two increasingly critical areas at the QEII Health Sciences Centre - the Eye Care Centre and the Cardiac Catherization Lab. Gifts received from this Appeal are helping with the update of equipment in these two very important areas. The Eye Care Centre will see a new Intraocular Lens Master (IOL Master) which is the workhorse of the Department and the fourth Cardiac Catherization Lab has been established which will allow us to treat more patients and reduce wait lists. Thank you for all your gifts.



Head for the Hills 2008

Head for the Hills 2008 is fast approaching on **Friday, February 8, 2008!** Entering its 15th year, Head for the Hills has become a fun-filled annual event for the QEII Foundation. This year, the Foundation is hoping to reach the \$2 million mark in total funds raised since the event's inception. Funds raised in 2008 will be used towards the new Cardiac Catherization Lab at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. The organizers of Head for the Hills are hoping to have 400 participants for the 2008 event. To be eligible to participate you must have a minimum of \$250 in pledges. The easiest way to do this is to share the challenge by getting the support of friends, family and co-workers. And this year we are making it easier than ever with our **online pledge capabilities!**

To register as a team or for individual registration, please contact **Janine Forsey at 473-3329** or by email at janine.forsey@qe2-hsc.ns.ca or on the website at www.headforthehills.ca. With a variety of prizes you won't want to miss Head for the Hills 2008!

Leukemia Live Round Up!

On January 4th, 2008, the QEII Foundation congratulated Derek Caine for his extraordinary determination and philanthropic spirit. A leukemia survivor since 2004, Derek Caine has been a significant fundraiser in support of leukemia patients in need of financial assistance while undergoing treatment at the QEII. A reception was held in his honour and Derek Caine presented a cheque to the QEII Foundation, bringing the total amount of funds raised from his efforts to \$80,000.



Photo (above, from left-right): Attending the reception were musician Charlie A'Court, Derek Caine, his wife June, and his children Jordanna and Daniel, with Ed Levick who helped Derek record his first two cds.



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