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The Wales Home Foundation's 10th annual Golf Tournament raises over \$52 000!

The 10th annual Wales Home Foundation golf tournament took place on Thursday, August 18th, 2016 at Club et Académie LongChamp in Sherbrooke, Québec. The day's sunny and warm weather was just the beginning of the Foundation's success: 144 players came together to participate in the tournament, some from as far away as Florida, therefore filling every single available spot (a first for the annual fundraiser!). 190 people attended the banquet dinner (held in a hall which has a 200 person capacity). The tournament proved to be the most well-attended the Foundation has ever hosted.



Foundation Secretary Mrs. Brendalee Piironen (far left) and Foundation Honorary Chairperson, Mr. Jordan Arshinoff-Foss (far right) accompanied by two members of the winning team, Team Decisionaide, Mr. Andre Leblond and Mr. Claude Fortier (three teams tied for first with a score of -9!!)

The Foundation was pleased to have Mr. Charles Ross, a Wales Home resident and member of the Wales Home Foundation Board, perform the ceremonial tee-off to begin the day. The tournament was comprised of a variety of activities, such as the longest cane drive and closest to the pin games. There were also three potential hole-in-one prizes: money towards an electric car from JN Auto, a utility vehicle from Kubota, and a year-long lease for a Rav4 from Toyota, Richmond. Wales Home Foundation sponsors also donated snacks for players: Familiprix Philippe Leng (goodie bags), Tim Hortons Richmond (Timbits), Carol MacArthur (apples), and Domino's Pizza. These fun activities were followed by a delicious banquet dinner emceed by the Wales Home Foundation's Honorary Chairperson, Mr. Jordan Arshinoff-Foss. The annual live auction was extremely successful due to the variety of interesting items donated as well as the excellent talents of BSB Auction Service's father-son duo, Mr. Brian and Stephen Barrie.

The Golf Tournament is the biggest and most successful annual fundraiser event for the Wales Home Foundation, and as such is starting to gain recognition and support from many local and regional businesses. Notable sponsors of this year's tournament are the following major sponsors: RBC Dominion Securities, Platinum sponsorship; Familiprix Philippe Leng, Gold sponsorship; Team Industrial, Bonnie & Steve Griffin, and Nils Bodtker, Silver sponsorship; Global Excel and MicroAge, Bronze sponsorship; and Équipement Sanitaire Drummond, Cobalt sponsorship. Through these and other sponsors' everlasting generosity, the Wales Home Foundation was able to raise \$52 639.20!

Once again, the Wales Home Foundation wishes to thank the Centre d'aide aux entreprises (CAE) du Val St-François, for sponsoring a student to coordinate the tournament.

The Wales Home Foundation's mandate is to generate, to receive, and to manage said funds with a view of long term profitability; to disburse funds to the Résidence Wales Home upon request, evaluating benefits to residents and/or employees; to act at all times in the interests of the residents and employees of the Résidence Wales Home with a view to sustainability of operations. The Foundation wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation to all sponsors, volunteers, family members, and friends of the organization who supported this year's tournament. Without these businesses and individuals, the tournament would not be the amazing success that it is year after year.

About the Résidence Wales Home

The Résidence Wales Home is a private not-for-profit organization founded in 1921 and provides a continuum of care for up to 200 seniors who range from being completely independent to those requiring specialized long-term care. Since 2011, the Résidence Wales Home has received 9 prestigious awards, including an Honorable Mention from the Grand Prix québécois de la qualité in 2015. In November, the Wales Home will travel to Toronto to receive another prize at the Canada Awards for Excellence.

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