

Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation Amends Its 2020 Calendar of Events Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

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(Pembroke) As we continue to navigate the impact of COVID-19, the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation, like many charitable organizations, has been faced with difficult decisions regarding alterations to its organizational plan for the remainder of 2020.

The PRH Foundation is following the lead of many other Foundations across the country in order to adapt and ensure that the growing needs specific to our regional hospital are still met.

After careful consideration and in accordance with the forecasted directives from the Federal and Provincial Governments, as well and the Renfrew County District Health Unit, the following changes are being made to our annual events lineup in 2020.

The *Dr. Kim Armstrong Turkey Trot* and the *Dobb's Family Festive Open House* events will unfortunately, be cancelled this year.

Additionally, the annual *Black & White Gala* will not take place as planned. However, the PRHF and the *Black & White Gala* committee are in the process of creating a new Un-Gala experience at home that we are excited to share with you in the coming weeks, as well as two new online fundraising initiatives coming soon!

"Now, more than ever, we are inspired by your generosity, kindness and big-heartedness," said PRH Foundation Chair Lisa Edmonds. "The impact you have on supporting the women, men and services at our hospital ensures we are ready to care for you and your loved ones - everyday. Thank you for your support and trust."

The Foundation team expresses sincere appreciation to the committee members, volunteers, past sponsors and participants in these events and we look forward to a time when we are able to be together again.

PRH President and CEO Pierre Noel said that the cancellation of some of the Foundation's signature events, as well as the changes that have to be made to those remaining will have a significant impact on hospital fundraising in addition to taking away important events that help bring our community together for a great purpose.

"We are hopeful, however, that in the absence of these events, community members will still take advantage of other ways to support PRH and assist in funding local health care initiatives," Mr. Noel said.



For more information the PRH Foundation's calendar of events and ways you can you help through online initiatives, please visit <u>www.prhfoundation.com</u>, email <u>foundation@prh.email</u> or call the office at (613) 732-2811, extension 7408.

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