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Bachelors fight breast cancer

The final tally is in – and it's a record breaker! Last night's Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction raised over \$74,004 - the highest amount in the event's 13-year history - bringing the total to \$656,526. The event supports the Northern Cancer Fund of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

460 women attended to enjoy a gourmet meal, entertainment and the auction of ten of Thunder Bay's most eligible bachelors complete with fabulous date packages. "It's easy to see why this is one of Thunder Bay's most popular ladies-only events," says event promotions chair Keely Hartviksen. "It's so more than a fabulous girls' night out. It also contributes to a very serious issue in a meaningful way."

In addition to raising significant dollars, the Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction raises awareness about the important issue of breast cancer.

Of course, the success of the event depends on recruiting Thunder Bay's most eligible bachelors. This year, Mike Paularinne was one of them. Paularinne's date package included a getaway for four people at Knobby's Fly-In Fishing Resort.

"All of the bachelors work hard to prepare for this," he says. "But it's enjoyable work that really makes a difference. We all want to help fight breast cancer in our community." 100% of the funds raised by the Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction remain in Northwestern Ontario to:

- Increase breast cancer awareness through education
- Increase access to breast cancer screening
- Improve breast cancer treatment
- Support world-class cancer research.

Leading-edge services such as Breast MRI at the Linda Buchan Centre for Breast Screening & Assessment at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre are made possible because of this event.

Along with the volunteer bachelors, the Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction relies upon committee members, sponsors, volunteers and attendees. "I am overwhelmed by the outstanding commitment of the people involved," says Hartviksen. "I feel very privileged to work with them and am extremely proud of what we have accomplished."

Because of advances in breast cancer awareness, screening, diagnosis and research, **today, 9 out of 10 women will live for at least 10 years after diagnosis.** Together, we are making Hope possible.

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