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5 Forks Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction Raises \$69,121!

(Thunder Bay, ON) – It was a night no one will soon forget. Held under the Big Top at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, the 5 Forks Bachelors for Hope Charity Auction was quite the show; all in the name of raising critical funds for breast cancer care and research through the Northern Cancer Fund. 5 Forks Operating Partner, Chris Bliznikas, was thrilled with the event. As he said, “Our community deserves exceptional cancer care, and 5 Forks is delighted to be a part of this event that lifts women up and celebrates their courage in the face of breast cancer.”

Last night, over 320 women gathered to have fun, feast on a gourmet 4-course dinner, and bid on ten incredible bachelors, each paired with amazing date packages. Altogether, the event was another huge success, raising \$69,121, bringing the 18-year total to \$1,094,886. The Bachelors themselves raised their highest amount ever; bringing in \$17,000 in pledges to contribute to the night’s total.

“It’s an important evening for our entire community,” said Rochelle Fiorito, Auction Committee Member, “because the funds raised ensure that we can put the very best equipment for fighting breast cancer into the hands of our caring cancer care team at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. We owe it to our families, our friends, our colleagues, and perhaps even ourselves to make sure we have the very best chance possible for survival.”

This year, three stages were set up around the room to guarantee guests had great views of the bachelors. As always, the bachelors got the party started with their upbeat group dance routine, one they’d been practicing for the past month. Bachelor Ryan McDonnell said, “It’s been great to meet the Bachelor Auction team as we worked to create an experience that people will remember. I’m proud of how well we actually pulled it off, but even more proud of the impact this event will have for breast cancer care.”



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Continued McDonnell, “Cancer is universal. It affects all of us regardless of where we come from, how old we are, what we look like or how much money we have. I am sure that none of us has to think very hard before we remember a friend or a loved one who has been affected by cancer. We are incredibly fortunate to have state-of-the-art, exceptional cancer care right at our door step. Much of this is a result of the extraordinarily generous and supportive nature of our community. All of us who are involved with this auction have had the opportunity to do our part and have an impact in our community. I really have to thank the women who come out to support us – without them, we’d be nothing but a bunch of guys on stage. Together, we have made this a very successful event; providing hope to thousands of women who will face breast cancer in their lifetime.”

Following the auction, many women headed to the after party held at 5 Forks, thanks to a complimentary shuttle from Happy Time Tours.

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