

## PRESS RELEASE

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**Richmond Hospital Foundation's Charity Golf Tournament  
an overwhelming success for Operating Room Campaign**

**Richmond, BC-** On Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Richmond Hospital Foundation hosted its *River Green on the Green* Golf Tournament. The event sold out early and was a huge success. Nearly \$100,000 was raised for Richmond Hospital's \$1.5 million Operating Room Campaign to purchase sophisticated new cutting-edge surgery equipment such as laparoscopic tools that allow the doctor to more easily perform bariatric procedures on larger patients while the shorter tools help to perform surgeries on pediatric patients. The end result is less scarring, faster recovery times and few complications for Richmond Hospital patients.

Golfers enjoyed the beautiful, sunny day spent at QGolf Club. As they made their way around the course, golfers were treated by the various food and beverage stations that offered martinis, fine scotch, finely crafted wines, delicious hors d'oeuvres and even freshly shucked oysters. When taking a break from enjoying the food and drinks, they were competing in the putting, straightest drive and hole in one challenges.

The highlight of the evening was the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop. Participants watched from the clubhouse deck as a helicopter flew over the 9<sup>th</sup> hole to drop 1,500 golf balls from the sky. Sharice Singh was the lucky winner of two tickets to anywhere WestJet flies when her ball landed closest to the pin.

Later on that evening, guests enjoyed the awards dinner and were treated to a three course dinner including dessert and wine pairings. The live auction created a stir at the tables as the auctioneer, Howard Blank, included River Rock show tickets to sweeten the deal of each of the already exciting auction items. Guests fought over the team autographed Vancouver Canucks hockey stick and the fantastic golf escape for two to Ventana Canyon in Tuscan, Arizona.

"This was another great show of support from the business community," said Kyle Shury, Chair, Golf Tournament Committee and Richmond Hospital Foundation Director, "We all had a great time over the course of the day and all of the proceeds support Richmond Hospital. We are already looking forward to next year's tournament!"

We would like to thank our generous sponsors: River Green, Johnston, Ross & Cheng Real Estate Evaluators, Nightingale Electrical Ltd., Onni Group of Companies, Polygon, Coast Capital Savings, Cadillac Fairview Corporation Ltd., Fidelity Investments Canada Ltd., Ledcor Construction, RBC Dominions Securities – Charlie Chan, TD Canada Trust, Wesgroup Properties and University Sprinklers.

***Richmond Hospital Foundation*** is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. Last year, over 85% of newly purchased medical equipment of Richmond Hospital was funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

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