

20th House Tour raises \$84,312 for Headwaters Health Care Centre

The 20th annual Headwaters House Tour has raised \$84,312.

The money will be used by the Headwaters Health Care Foundation toward its \$16-million Commitment to Care campaign that will finance expansion of the hospital.

More than 700 House Tour participants had an opportunity to explore nine outstanding private homes throughout the Hills of Headwaters Sept. 20 and enjoy a gourmet lunch buffet at the OAS Event Centre.

In celebration of the 20th anniversary, the House Tour went through a modernization, with an online auction. This new venture opened up the auction to everyone, not just House Tour ticket purchasers.

The online auction, raffle tickets, ticket sales and corporate sponsors all contributed to a record-breaking year.

"We want to extend our profound appreciation to the homeowners, corporate sponsors, auction donors and volunteers who made this event, and our record-breaking donation, a reality this year," said Simone Christensen-Harris, chair of the House Tour Committee.

"As well, a big thanks to the House Tour Committee. Together, we integrated past experience with innovative approaches, creating a House Tour that appealed to all ages and interests."

"Thank you to the House Tour Committee for organizing an amazing 20th anniversary event!," Foundation Executive Director Joan Burdette said.

"The house choices were absolutely fantastic and guests were having a wonderful time. The partnership we have with Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary is an important one, and we are very grateful for the funds we receive annually from this hard-working group of dedicated volunteers."

The House Tour proceeds contribute to Headwaters Healthcare Auxiliary's \$750,000 pledge to the Commitment to Care Campaign, launched in October 2012.

In partnership with the Foundation, the Auxiliary helps to raise funds for hospital equipment purchases through a number of its events and activities. In addition to the annual House Tour, the Auxiliary plans, organizes and hosts annual events like the Teddy Bear Clinic in the spring and the Candy Cane Fair in the winter, as well as a year-long quilt raffle. The hospital's gift shop, Headwaters Hospital Thrift Store, coffee bar and book exchange are other ways in which the Auxiliary raises funds for the facility. For more information about the 20th Annual House Tour, visit www.headwatershousetour.com