

GRAND ROUNDS

A great day of golf, fantastic prizes, dinner and a silent auction are on par to once again raise a significant amount of funds for digital mammography.

The 14th Annual Caring for Tomorrow Charity Golf Tournament is set for Friday, June 8, at the Renfrew Golf Club, a major sponsor of the event.

Also back are long-time sponsors O'Neil and Company, Renfrew Home Hardware, RBC Renfrew, Sport Renfrew, Ottawa Valley Physio, Mackenzie Motors, and Protyre, along with many others.

In fact, sponsorships and donations in support of the cause continue to flow in, reports RVH Foundation Director Barb Desilets. The community is beginning to fully understand the "complexities and challenges in delivering top-notch health care in a rural setting" as a result of the Call to Action initiative, a grassroots program aimed at educating and empowering people to take ownership of their health.

"Our Call to Action campaign over the past year has created an awareness throughout the community and beyond in support of our acquisition of digital mammography equipment," she says.

She has no doubt avid golfers and local corporations will "swing into action" to make this year's tournament the most

successful to date. Desilets appreciates all of the hard work of the "small but mighty" committee that has continued with the original concept of the tournament.

"I continue to be amazed at the support from players, sponsors and supporters year after year. I believe it is a testament to the reputation of RVH, and I am proud to be affiliated with it through this event," comments Chair Patrick Cayen. "We are looking forward to another successful tournament and I know the participants will not be disappointed."

"I'm always excited about the uniqueness of our event," Desilets says, adding that it's always a very memorable day on the course, and during the live auction after dinner.

More players are always welcome to participate on one of the 40 teams for the day. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. on the Friday and is followed by lunch at 11 a.m. Your green fee, a registration gift, a power cart, lunch and dinner are included.

New digital mammography equipment was purchased earlier in the year and has been implemented at RVH. This new breast imaging technology provides more detailed,

digitized scans of the breast tissue to aid in the early detection of breast cancer.

"With this upgrade, we are now able to provide the highest-quality, timeliest and safest care to our patients through the use of this phenomenal digital mammography equipment," says Randy Penney, RVH's CEO and President.

The digital mammography scans emit lower radiation than the former analog equipment. The technicians are also pleased to inform patients that the actual scans take much less time to complete than the old system of using film.

Newer technology also came with a hefty price tag—a \$700,000 capital investment for which there is no Ministry funding. RVH

was able to purchase the equipment with reserve funding and have it installed before the fundraising campaign reached its goal. Desilets says in not quite a year, the fund is already at the half-way mark.

The campaign kicked off at last year's golf tournament, which raised \$46,000 for the digital mammography project. Caring for Tomorrow has also contributed major funding to CT and the RVH dialysis unit by raising more than \$400,000 for our hospital from past tournaments.

To donate, register as a player or for more information, contact Barb Desilets, RVH Foundation Director at 613-432-4851 extension 263.



Committee members of the 14th Annual Caring for Tomorrow Charity Golf Tournament include: Steven Radke, Patrick Cayen (Chair), Peter Payton, Diana Freitag, Faye Warren and Barb Desilets. Missing from the photo is Doug Ewart.