

\$200,000 raised for Geriatric Medicine at Sunnybrook



OCTOBER 24, 2014 - It was a spectacular \$200,000 evening for geriatric health care! Over 700 members of the Italian community, local businesses, and their friends and acquaintances came out in force to support the Irpinia Club Ballo Autunnale fundraiser for the Geriatric Medicine Division at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Several prominent community leaders including Hon. Julian Fantino, MP for Vaughan and Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs, Vaughan Mayor Bevilacqua, Regional Councillor and Deputy Mayor Gino Rosati, Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca of Vaughan, were in attendance at the event held at the Riviera Parque in Vaughan.

With the goal of continuing support for a Fellowship Program at Sunnybrook to provide doctors training and experience in the medical and social challenges faced by seniors, the generosity of supporters surpassed that of previous Ballo Autunnale. A total of \$200,000 – \$134,000 in donations with a top-up of \$66,000 by Peter Cipriano – was raised for health care of our seniors. The evening also saw Peter Cipriano honoured by the Ansley Grove Bocce Club for his sponsorship of their bocce youth program, and by Julian Fantino for his philanthropy and community work.



Picture above, from left to right: Tony Taurasi, Irpinia Club (IC) councillor; Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of Vaughan; Gino Rosati, Deputy Mayor of Vaughan & Regional Councillor; Rosanna DeFrancesca, Vaughan Councillor Ward 3; Anthony Costantino, IC Secretary; Virginio DePrisco, IC Councillor; Gerardo LoRusso, IC Treasurer; Fiorita Taurasi, IC Secretary; Gerardo Damiano, IC Councillor; Dureen Tseu, Event MC; Julian Fantino, MP Vaughan & Federal Minister of Veteran Affairs; Peter Cipriano, President of Irpinia Club; Dr. Rajin Mehta, Head of the Geriatric Medicine Division at Sunnybrook HSC; Molly Gillan, Advancement Officer at Sunnybrook Foundation; and members of the geriatric team at Sunnybrook.



Picture on right: Irpinia Club President Peter Cipriano with an award of appreciation from the Office of Julian Fantino and a plaque in recognition of his leadership and generosity presented by Fantino on behalf of the Irpinia Club Committee.

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