



West Island Cancer Wellness Centre's revival of Golf Tournament comes out strong with an amount raised of \$180,000

Beaconsfield – September 26, 2016 - The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) held a Golf tournament at the prestigious Saint-Raphaël Golf Club on Tuesday September 20, 2016 raising a total of \$180,000 net in proceeds for the Centre.

The tournament was spearheaded by co-chairs Michael Boychuk and Paul Stinis, their incredibly devoted committee (Wayne Bews, Greg Gelston, Kirk LLano and George Tooley), and many other volunteers who work tirelessly to make this event a success.

After being put on hold for a couple of years, *"I was very excited when I found out Michael and Paul wanted to do the golf tournament again. We really love working with them and the timing couldn't be better. Our NEW larger Centre will have an increase in operational costs and the amount raised from this tournament will be extremely valuable as we don't receive any government funding"*, said Debbie Magwood, Founder and Executive Director, WICWC.

"Cancer is a dreaded disease that has touched most of us in one way or another, and we feel that coming together to fight the battle gives us a much better chance of winning. In co-chairing this golf tournament, we believe the role we are playing helps the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre make an enormous contribution in helping combat, and heal those living with cancer", said Michael Boychuk, co-chair. *"We want to thank the golfers again for choosing to attend and play a crucial role in helping us fight this terrible disease"* added co-chair Paul Stinis.

The day began with sunny skies, a delicious brunch and excitement from the 150+ golfers preparing for a sunny afternoon on the course. During the evening, guests bid generously on a silent auction, whilst having the honour of listening to the hosts, Montreal's very own Randy Tieman, Sports Anchor, CTV Montreal and John Bartlett, Voice of the Montreal Canadiens, Rogers Sportsnet.

Since opening in 2009, the WICWC has registered over 1500 participants and has impacted the lives of thousands of West Island and surrounding area residents who are experiencing cancer – either having it or supporting someone with cancer. Through their wellness programs, participants receive personal support, gain coping mechanisms, find strength and become empowered, active participants in the management of their health and well-being.

About the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre

The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) is a registered charity dedicated to improving a person's health and well-being by providing complimentary programs and services created to address the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of those living with cancer. This type of psychosocial intervention in cancer care supports and complements traditional medical practices. For more information or to find out how you can help us make a difference, visit wicwc.org

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