

Accounting and Advisory firm supports the Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation who builds two new MSEs in Baycrest

RSM Richter's Charity Golf Classic raises money for two new MSE rehabilitation rooms at Toronto's Baycrest

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 - On June 15th, 2011 RSM Richter hosted their 14th Annual Charity Golf Classic in support of the Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation. The foundation used the tournament proceeds to build two special multi-sensory environment (MSE) rooms at Toronto's Baycrest.

The rooms will be used with patients who are cognitively impaired and who may be able to benefit from the therapeutic sensory stimulation experience that these rooms afford. Multi-sensory rooms can be used with people of all ages and are designed to stimulate a variety of sensory systems including visual, tactile, auditory and olfactory modalities with the support of a therapist or caregiver.

"RSM Richter's Annual Charity Golf Classic is dedicated to giving back to the community," said Robert Harlang, RSM Richter senior partner in Restructuring, and RSM Richter Charity Golf Classic Committee Chair. "Over the years, we have been given the opportunity to sponsor and support many different charities that focus on a variety of important causes which, without our committed tournament supporters, would not be possible."

The beneficiary of this year's tournament was the Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation who developed and constructed the MSE rooms at Baycrest. The foundation's main focus is on improving the quality of life for children and adults who are neurologically challenged by using MSE rooms.

MSE rooms typically contain a combination of fiber-optic lights, vibration chairs, bubble tubes, calming music and aromatherapy. Therapists and caregivers have reported many positive outcomes from the use of MSE's, including increased relaxation and alertness, a reduction in agitated or aggressive behaviors, and positive mood in those individuals with dementia. Baycrest clinicians and researchers will be conducting a more formal research study to explore this further. The two MSE rooms will be available to patients in the Behavioral Neurology Unit at Baycrest Hospital and the Cognitive Support Unit in Baycrest's nursing home.

This year's Charity Golf Classic beneficiary, the Hidden Angel Foundation, chose Baycrest as the recipient of the MSEs. Baycrest provides a comprehensive system of care for aging adults, both inpatient and outpatient, that is highly respected around the world.

"We are so pleased to have the MSE rooms here, installed in units for clients with severe cognitive and behavioral challenges," said Bianca Stern, Director, Innovation, Arts & Design at Baycrest. "These rooms

will add another dimension to the non-pharmacological approaches we are exploring and will hopefully benefit quality of life for clients.”

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Photo Caption: RSM Richter’s Restructuring Partners and Golf Committee members, Robert Harlang (left) and David Sieradzki (right) visit the new Multi Sensory Environment (MSE) room at Baycrest Geriatric Centre in Toronto, funded by the proceeds of this year’s Charity Golf Classic.

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