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2016 Scaramouche Gala will be the last of its kind

(Georgetown, ON) March 16, 2016 -The Georgetown Hospital Foundation (GHF) is once again preparing to treat hospital supporters to a sumptuous dining experience at its upcoming 2016 Scaramouche Gala on Sunday, April 10. This exclusive affair has raised \$1 million for the Georgetown Hospital to date. This year marks a milestone in the history of this event as it will be the GHF's final Scaramouche Gala. Despite this event's overwhelming success the Foundation is planning something new for 2017. The Foundation invites everyone out for this last historic event of its kind. It promises to be an unforgettable night.

Chef Keith Froggett's Scaramouche Restaurant, one of Toronto's finest dining establishments with its warm ambiance and stunning city vistas, has been the setting for one of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's galas for well over a decade. Guests travel in style from Georgetown Hospital to Chef Froggett's contemporary Toronto restaurant and are treated to an elegant, tastefully refined meal, prepared and perfected by the Chef himself.

This fundraiser is the brainchild of Dr. Robert Bourns, a local family physician, and Chef Keith Froggett, who lived in Georgetown at the time. With the help of a quickly formed organizing committee, the first gala was launched in 1997 in the Georgetown Hospital's Rotunda, raising \$11,000. The event was later moved to Scaramouche when Chef Froggett generously offered to host the event... and the rest is history.

"Every year Chef Froggett manages to amaze and surprise us with his brilliance. It's no wonder this gala has such a loyal following of guests," notes Dr. Robert Bourns, who has been the Chair of the Gala's organizing committee since the beginning. "We've had great times over the years and raised a lot of money for our hospital...but all good things must come to an end. I invite everyone to join us for this very last gala as we toast its tremendous history and success. We plan to go out in style."

This event is a prime example on how a group of neighbours or friends can help improve the quality of their community's healthcare and have a great time doing so. The revenue generated from these galas was used toward the purchase of much needed medical equipment and to help fund the recent Georgetown Hospital Redevelopment project that expanded the hospital's Emergency Department, provided a new CT Scanner, renovated and expanded its Diagnostic Imaging Department and introduced new Digital Mammography technology.

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“None of this would have been possible without the enthusiastic support of our community and for this we are honoured. Special thanks to Dr. Bourns, Chef Froggett and all the members of the gala organizing committee – specifically, Myra Bourns and Belinda Froggett who have stayed the course throughout this event’s history. We also thank all our sponsors including our 2016 Title Sponsor, Stracor Inc. as well as Bob and Elaine Hooper, and Country Homes,” notes Mary McPherson, Director of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. “I extend a very special invitation to everyone to this last gala. It will definitely be one for the history books.”

“It’s been an honour and privilege working with such a dedicated organizing committee and the Georgetown Hospital Foundation for such a great cause,” notes Chef Froggett. “We have had a great run with this fundraiser – its evolution from 1997 to 2016 has been remarkable! ”

Tickets for this historic signature fundraiser are \$300 per person and include deluxe transportation from Georgetown Hospital to Scaramouch Restaurant in Toronto. Contact Jennifer McNally at 905-873-0111 ext.8241 or jmcnally@haltonhealthcare.com

Learn more:

<http://www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca/>

<http://www.scaramoucherestaurant.com/>

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Pictured left to right: Cindy McDonell, Georgetown Hospital Chief Operating Officer, Myra Bourns, and Dr. Robert Bourns



Pictured left to right: Chef Keith Froggett, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Dr. Robert Bourns