

## ***“STOCK MARKET OF DREAMS” GALA RAISES \$20,000***

CBC’s Senior Business Correspondent, Amanda Lang hosted the first annual “Stock Market of Dreams” Gala on Friday, April 9, 2010, raising awareness and funds for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. With co-host Andrew Pyle of ScotiaMcLeod, the evening event at the Parkway Place had attendees competing in a mock stock market game, complete with a million dollars in cash and companies based on Peterborough and the surrounding County.

The winning team, taking home the coveted first SMOD gala trophy consisted of Kathy Traynor, Kim Northey, Jill West, Ashley Vandavelde, Teresa Palmer, Dawn Quinn and Tricia Robinson. The golden pig award was given to the losing team, led by Greg Lymer and Jim Bigglestone. Participants were also given the opportunity to win two fabulous prizes – 2 Westjet tickets to anywhere in the world the airline flies, won by Michelle Towns and an ounce of gold, provided by the Scotiabank Group, which was won by Diane Lloyd. In addition, local favourite Keith Monk auctioned off Corey’s Perry’s Olympic Jersey, Via Rail Tickets, E-Bike from Green Street and a Will Package from Peter Lillico.

The gala represented the kick-off to the capital campaign to build North America’s first ever Down Syndrome Centre of Excellence. Once constructed, the centre will provide residences for independent living, as well facilities to provide education and vocational training.

Agency awards were presented to the following:

Education Award – Liz Mackinnon, Speech Pathologist with our Summer School and President and CEO of Rejuvenate Health in London.

Business Award – Sun Life Financial for their fundraising efforts in the past year and their annual employee/volunteer program.

Volunteer Award – Kathy Traynor for her 10 years’ involvement of the agency as a board member, as a SEAC representative and a provincial conference committee member.

Community Award – Peterborough Petes for our annual puck drop to recognize Down Syndrome Awareness Week, donations, player participation and support for our many fans who attend weekly games.

Congratulations to the winners of this year’s agency awards!

We would also like to recognize the following who made a donation to the event:

4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre, Rose Kitney, Anna Gillespie, Old Spaghetti Factory, Peterborough Symphony, Art Gallery of Ontario, Marlin Travel, Port Perry, Stirling Festival Theatre, Jodi Mulder, Ontario Science Centre, The Staples’s, Medieval Times, Scotiabank, Ambassador Resort, Kingston, Four Points Sheridan, Kingston, Lakers

Lacrosse, City of Peterborough, Betolianni Farms, Quarry Golf Club, Happy Days Houseboats, M & C Hydraulics Inc., Bob Gauvreau, The Christensen's, The Nolan's, Community Service Order, Peterborough Petes, Chantelle Taylor, Empire Life, Fidelity Investments, Fitzgerald Fuels, Gladys Pyle, Grail Springs Health & Wellness Spa, Griffin's Greenhouses, The Village Inn, Kim Pacey, Lakefield Chiropractic and Massage Therapy, Mackenzie Financial Corporation, Peterborough Golf and Country Club, Rocky's Cleaners, Russell Investments Canada Limited, Stacey James, The Anderson's, The Wolf 101.5 FM/100.5 Kruz FM, Valley View Bed and Breakfast, Pure Power, Yahoo Canada, Anne Cavanagh, Beau Dixon, HKMB HUB International, Brandes Investment Partners, Dan Moloney, J's Magic, Lazer Graphics, Sign-A-Rama, McDonald's, Pizza Factory, Deb Reid, Best Western, St. Jacobs, Sarah Reurekas, The Graphic Mill and The Pyle's.

Many thanks to Peter Polly and his students in the Kenner Culinary Arts Program who prepared and served the refreshments and to the Trent University Business Association students who managed the game program.

A special thank you to the Gala Committee, which began meeting last September: Andrew Pyle, Linda O'Connor, Joe Grant, Lynda Johnson and Jason McMahon and to the volunteers at the event: Marilyn and Genna Chalk, Joanne Elliott, Amy Deyman, Caitlin Murphy, Anna Gillespie, Chantelle Taylor, Irene and Ally Pyle. We couldn't have done it without you!! Thanks for all your time and energy to help raise

**\$20,000!**



A SPECIAL, SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PSW STUDENTS, AMY DEYMAN AND CAITLIN MURPHY WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR FLEMING PLACEMENT WITH OUR AGENCY SINCE JANUARY. WE WISH THEM WELL IN THEIR FUTURE CAREERS.