

Collingwood event 2008

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Titz'n Glitz rocked with 1,100

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Blue Mountain resort was bedazzled last Saturday night.

Chair person of the 2008 Titz'n Glitz event, Teri Band says the powerful 'women-only' breast cancer fundraiser that 1,100 women attended on Oct. 18 was an evening of fun, emotion, art and camaraderie.

The collective efforts of all those involved will touch the lives and enhance the health and well-being of those experiencing breast cancer treatment within the Georgian Triangle.

"This is the fourth Titz'n Glitz Collingwood event in which we are hoping to raise an amount equal to our 2006 event of \$165,000. Putting on an event of calibre and size takes an enormous amount of work, which is why we only run the event every two years," said Teri Band.

"We are fortunate to have a large and dedicated group of volunteers in addition to local and corporate support. To them, our sponsors and volunteers that contributed to the success of Titz'n Glitz Collingwood 2008, I would like to extend my express thanks to each and every one of you for helping to make this evening such a tremendous success."

"Titz'n Glitz hopes to raise \$165,000 this year and will have a final figure once all of the accounting has been reconciled. The money raised goes to financially assist and support friends, neighbors and people we love who have been diagnosed with breast cancer in Collingwood and throughout The Georgian Triangle," said Band

"Titz'n Glitz does not fund research -the money stays in the community. All the money raised by the Titz'n Glitz Gala Event is managed and dispersed by our charitable organization Front Line Collingwood Foundation (FLCF)."

The board of FLCF are all volunteers. Their motto is "Pink Ribbons, not Red Tape" and we will strive to ensure that your confidential application is quickly and discretely approved.

Born out of the hugely successful Titz' n Glitz 2002 event FLCF was incorporated to assist breast cancer patients who require financial assistance.

The Board of Directors includes Foundation Chair: Sharon Johnston, Past Chair: Susan King, Secretary: Sharon North Treasurer: Deb Erler, Fund Chair: Dawn Frisch and Advisory Board Chair: Sandy Saley.

The FLCF Advisory Board includes Odd Kemp, Laurie Lamont and Maureen Potton.

A registered charitable organization, the FLCF provides short term financial support for breast cancer patients with expenses relating to personal care, homemaking, housing, child care, transportation, nursing, medical assistance, counselling, equipment and emergency incidentals.

The 2002, 2004 and 2006 Titz'n Glitz Breast Cancer Fundraisers raised in total \$400,000 and as of July 2008 have given a total of \$157,615 to the three area hospitals (Collingwood \$91,115, Owen Sound \$37,500 and Barrie \$29,000) and \$180,000 to breast cancer patients in the area.

The first donation was \$21,000 to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital's Mammography Unit followed by \$41,615 to purchase a bi-sental node biopsy unit \$28,500 in 2007 toward a nuclear medicine camera used in every breast cancer diagnosis.

The Grey-Bruce Health services, Owen Sound site received donations of \$37,500 for a Neo probe Navigator Gamma Guidance System that will be used to detect cancerous lymph nodes, a breast coil attachment for their new MRI Machine and towards an Immunostainer that diagnoses breast cancer in a biopsy.

In addition, \$28,500 went toward a nuclear medicine camera -- used in every breast cancer breast diagnosis -- was purchased for the Oncology Department of Barrie's Royal Victoria Hospital.