



TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

DATE: January 9, 2019

FROM: IAFF LOCAL 4550

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SUBJECT: 2018 MAYOR'S CHARITABLE GALA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Expenses	\$131,540.00
Revenue	\$966,235.00
Profit	\$834,695.00

The first annual Mayor's Charitable Gala was held Saturday, September 22, 2018 by the Township of Langley Firefighters' Charitable Society (TLFCS) and Township Mayor & Council. Darvonda Nurseries, a unique venue for the inaugural event, a greenhouse on 216 Street in Milner.

The people of Langley can always be counted on to step up, help out, and give generously, and the Mayor's Charitable Gala was no exception with 522 guests attending. The money raised through this event will have a profound and long-lasting impact on our community and the health and wellbeing.

The inaugural event sold out within days of tickets going on sale. Fifty dedicated volunteers committed their time and energy to organizing the event, and numerous people and businesses made generous donations and contributed services to ensure it was an unforgettable fundraiser.

Firefighters are committed to serving the community where they live and work and with the Mayor's Charitable Gala that spirit of giving make a difference. The TLFCS collects and contributes funds annually to its registered charitable partners and many local initiatives, including the BC Professional Firefighters' Burn Fund, Canadian Cancer Society, Basics for Babies, and Muscular Dystrophy Canada. The TLFCS also initiated a healthy snack program in partnership with the Langley School District Foundation, which is currently offered in ten local schools with the goal to reach every school in the district.

The LMH Foundation's Emergency Response campaign was the benefactor this year. The funds raised will assist with the expansion and enhancement of the Langley Memorial Hospital's emergency department and MRI suite. The new facility is to be completed in 2020 and will reduce wait times, provide more privacy and separation for patients, add more treatment spaces, and create a separate ambulance lane and bay.

Regards,

Andy Hewitson
IAFF President