
News Release

Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation

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**Les Ms. and Friends 7th Annual “Sing for Care”
raised over \$6,600 in aid of the Patient and Family Support Fund**

St. John’s, NL: Last evening, Les Ms. and Friends hosted the 7th Annual “*Sing for Care*” concert of inspiring choral music raising over \$6,600 in support of the Patient and Family Support Fund. The concert began at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Heart Theatre and included Les Ms., Holy Heart Alumnae Choir, Newfound Sound, Jillian Currie Music Studio, Cantus Vocum and guest soloist, Melanie Jardine.

“During 2010/2011, there were **484** cancer patients assisted through the Patient and Family Support Fund with a total of **\$140,819** disbursed by the Foundation,” reports the Foundation’s Executive Director, Lynette Hillier. “Funds raised are designated to the Patient and Family Support Fund to assist cancer patients and their families with unanticipated expenses that they may incur while receiving treatment including the costs of travel and accommodations, the cost of wigs, or the purchase of prosthetics.”

Les Ms. is a 24 member female vocal ensemble established in 1999 under the direction of Dr. Valerie Long. Today the group is recognized for its high quality music, eclectic repertoire and engaging performance style. As a true community choir, Les Ms. takes great pride in its performances for events benefitting the community and has participated in concerts to support relief efforts around the world. *Les Ms. and Friends Sing for Care* is an annual benefit concert to support the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation’s Patient and Family Support Fund. To date, Les Ms. and Friends has been proud to contribute over \$72,000.00 to cancer care in this province.

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation develops, stewards and distributes charitable resources to enhance treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, fund local cancer research initiatives and provide continuing education opportunities for employees of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and regional cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information, please visit www.singforcare.ca or www.cancercarefoundation.nl.ca.

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