

## FONDATION CANADIENNE DU CANCER DU PANCRÉAS

## Dick Aldridge Charity Golf Classic nets \$85,000 for Pancreatic Cancer Canada

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OTTAWA (August 6, 2013) – The 9<sup>th</sup> annual *Dick Aldridge Charity Golf Classic* netted \$85,000 to support the work of Pancreatic Cancer Canada (PCC) in raising awareness of pancreatic cancer and the urgent need for more research toward better outcomes for those diagnosed with this 'silent killer'. The tournament was held July 23, 2013 at ClubLink's Emerald Hills in Stouffville, Ontario.

"The tournament sold out early this year. We had 216 golfers on the course for a day of fun in memory of my husband, Dick, who died of pancreatic cancer in 2004." said <u>Betty Aldridge</u>, President and Chairman of the Board of the National Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation. "We are thankful for a loyal group of golfers, volunteers, and contributors with new folks coming on board every year."

Brian Evans of the Toronto Argonauts says "PCC runs the best tournament and every year it is a big success." Similarly, Alan Patt of Celgene Inc. claims that it is "an absolutely outstanding golf tournament! My sincere congrats to Betty and her team on hosting what was one of the best run events that I've attended."

**Today, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of all cancer deaths in Canada**. There is no known cause, no early detection and no known cure. Seventy-five percent (75%) of all patients diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer die within the first year, most within the first three to six months.

"We are proud to be Canada's only national foundation dedicated to raising awareness, advancing pancreatic cancer research and saving lives," concluded Betty Aldridge. "With proper funding to conduct the research needed, we will find better treatments, better diagnostic tools, so that families have the time they deserve with their loved ones – and the golf tournament is a fun way to get people involved and support this cause."

The National Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation began operating in 2005 as The Dick Aldridge Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. In November 2008, recognizing the need for a national association in Canada, Pancreatic Cancer Canada was launched. In June 2010, the foundation name changed to the National Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation. To date, the Foundation has **donated over \$2 million dollars** for <u>research</u> on pancreatic cancer to the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto, the Ottawa Hospital, the BC Cancer Agency, and to the Cancer Research Society in Quebec.

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