

On the Charity Circuit with Society Gal Michelle Levy:

The 10th annual Diwali – A Night to Shine Celebration

By Michelle Levy

UHN Foundation hosted the 10th annual Diwali – A Night to Shine, presented by Scotiabank, in support of Krembil Brain Institute and Toronto Rehab at University Health Network (UHN). Held at Beanfield Centre, it was attended by more than 500 guests, and over \$1.6 million (gross) was raised for life-saving research, medical innovation and patient care at this highly anticipated and exciting event.

Diwali, the namesake of the event, is the South Asian Festival of Lights that celebrates good health, hope, luck and prosperity. This year's theme was An Indian Wedding. Across the many different faiths and cultures of India, celebrations are a spectacle of colour, music and festivities – an opportunity to showcase the famous Indian hospitality and abundance. There is no richer representation of Indian celebration than the multi-day extravaganza of An Indian Wedding. Guests enjoyed a truly immersive experience with exquisite cuisine, live performances, a fashion show, music and dancing. Co-Chair Raj Kothari also held a live auction where he auctioned off four of his own stylish jackets, raising another \$23,000. Well done!



Shaila Kothari and Raj Kothari (Event Co-Chair and Chair, UHN Foundation); Shurti Kothari; Tommy Gushue



Sam Ajmera, Megan and Brian Porter (Chair, UHN Board of Trustees and President & CEO, Scotiabank)



Sanjay Nakra (Event Co-Chair) and Deepa Daryanani; Mala and Dr. Anil Chopra (Vice-President, Medical Affairs, UHN)



Anish and Kamni Taneja; Dr. Kevin Smith (President & CEO, UHN); Ashok Taneja



Patrons Stacey and Mark Krembil



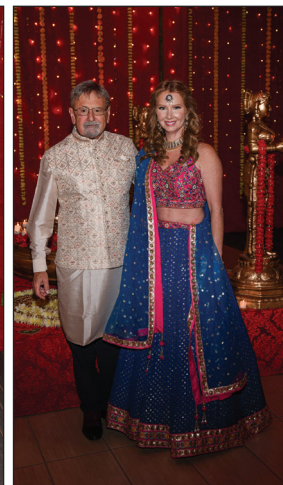
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Annmarie and Kevin Hibbert



Dr. Kathryn Tinckam (Physician-in-Chief and Program Medical Director, Department of Medicine, UHN) and Takashi Yamashita



Philip & Robin Orsino



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ONE LIFE Gala

The inaugural ONE LIFE Gala in support of the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre raised over \$400,000 for the Magic Castle, a play area for children of cancer patients undergoing treatment.

Presented by the CI Assante Wealth Management Circle of Giving Advisors, the sold-out event at the Four Seasons Hotel was attended by over 300 guests and featured a moving and memorable tribute to seven prominent cancer survivors, including Olivia Chow, Steve Donald, Avery and Neville Kirchmann, Michelle Munro, Annie Ramos and Libby Znaimer.

Guests of ONE LIFE Gala were wowed by culinary delights and spectacular performances by leading Canadian artists Annie Ramos, Robert Ball, Valerie Stanois and Emily Hau. The host was Nicole Servinis, Live Eye reporter at Breakfast Television and host of the weekly show, *Things to Know in T.O.*

The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre is Canada's largest and most comprehensive cancer centre, and is one of the top five cancer research centres in the world. The Magic Castle is the only program of its kind in an adult cancer centre in Canada and provides childcare to approximately 1,000 children (12 years old and under) annually.



Honoree Annie Ramos



Michelle Munro (Honoree)



Host Nicole Servinis



Olivia Chow



Moses and Libby Znaimer



Sean Etherington (President of CI Assante Wealth Management) and his wife Andrea



Steve (Honoree) and Jane Donald



Lorraine and Neville Kirchmann (Honorary Gala chairs)



Miyo Yamashita (President & CEO, The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation), and Tina Tehranian, Gala Chair (Senior Wealth Advisor at Assante Capital Management Ltd.)



Jasper Cogan, Honoree Avery Kirchmann (photo by Steve Blackburn)

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