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## **A "CELEBRATION OF LIFE" RAISES \$100,000 FOR PALLIATIVE CARE**

Ottawa, Canada – There was cause for celebration on Tuesday, October 5 at the Ottawa Congress Centre. The OutCare Foundation presented a \$50,000 cheque to Dr. Margaret Farncombe, Medical Director of the Palliative Care Outreach Program, matching the funds raised at the Celebration of Life Gourmet Cocktail Party. This brought the total amount raised for the evening to \$100,000.

Dr. Farncombe, founder of the Palliative Care Outreach Program, leads a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, therapists, counsellors and administrative support staff who provide 24-hours a day, seven days a week medical care and emotional support to palliative patients who wish to remain at home during the terminal stages of their illness. The multi-disciplinary team of palliative specialists ensures an environment of comfort, compassion, respect and dignity, not only to the patient, but also to the individual's loved ones who are sharing this end-of-life journey.

The OutCare Foundation teamed up with the Ottawa Senators Foundation, supported by local businesses, to present the event that treated over 300 guests to delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, live and silent auctions.

"Our primary focus is to provide much needed grants and seed funding to community healthcare providers outside of the traditional hospital environment. The need for out-of-hospital care is rapidly increasing," explains Gail Carroll, Executive Director of the OutCare Foundation. "Funding from the Foundation supports the critical and extraordinary services the Palliative Outreach Program delivers to families throughout the region."

The OutCare Foundation supports its granting activities and operations through investment income earned on its endowment. One hundred percent of every donation is used for granting purposes. Programs and services supported by the OutCare Foundation include Alzheimer care, home nursing & home support, hospice care, occupational & rehabilitation programs, palliative care and respite care.

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