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Foundation of CKHA Announces the 3rd Annual Dancing for the Stars

CHATHAM, ON (December 1, 2009): The Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual *Dancing for the Stars* fundraising event in support of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance's Highest Priority Needs. The event will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 7:00 pm, at the Kinsmen Auditorium in Chatham and will feature five local physicians and one nurse practitioner competing for the evening's top honour!

Dancing for the Stars is one of the Foundation's signature events. It features six Chatham-Kent Health Alliance staff members . our amateur dancers . paired with professional dancers from Toronto. Each couple learns two ballroom dances, ranging from the Fox Trot to the Cha Cha Cha, through the *Rhythm of the Night* Dance Studio, and will perform each dance to an expected audience of approximately 500 on the night of the event. Special guests Katy Uher and George Brookes from CKSY will return to emcee the competition portion of the evening.

Last year's event was a tremendous success, raising over \$14,500 for the Foundation's *Making the Right Investment* . MRI Campaign. The proceeds from this year's *Dancing for the Stars* will benefit Chatham-Kent Health Alliance's Highest Priority Needs, including the purchase of new equipment and the updating of facilities and services at both the Chatham and Wallaceburg campuses.

The amateur dancers for the 2010 *Dancing for the Stars* are:

- Dr. Dennis Atoe, Family /Emergency Physician
- Bev Boyes, Nurse Practitioner
- Dr. Ruth Dowe, Family Practice, Anaesthesia, Emergency
- Dr. Wendy Edwards, Paediatrics
- Dr. Peter MacKinnon, General Practice
- Dr. David Sullivan, General Practice/ED/OB

We are thrilled with our line-up for this year's *Dancing for the Stars*. Five CKHA Physicians and for the first time, a Nurse Practitioner, says Michele Grzebien, Executive Director, Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. "This is an event that our community looks forward to every year and this year's event will not disappoint. A sincere thank you to the residents of Chatham-Kent for their ongoing support of the Foundation through *Dancing for the Stars* and we hope to see you out again this year to support our dancers and Chatham-Kent Health Alliance's Highest Priority Needs."

Tickets are available for \$90 each which includes an evening of entertainment, a late night buffet and an open dance featuring social, Latin and club-style dancing. Tickets can be purchased at the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance at 9 Ursuline Avenue in Chatham or by calling 519-436-2538.

Many thanks to our sponsors for their support of the 3rd Annual *Dancing for the Stars* including PRO-RESP, Gold Sponsor, OLG, Silver Sponsor, Pfizer Canada Inc., Bronze Sponsor, Rhythm of the Night Dance Studio, Steve Brent's Photo-Epic Studios and the Active Lifestyles Centre.

Sponsorship opportunities for *Dancing for the Stars* are still available. For details, visit www.foundationckha.com or contact Barb Noorenberghe at 519-436-2538 or bnoorenberghe@ckha.on.ca.

About the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

The Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance was established in 1998 to enhance the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of Chatham-Kent by raising funds and providing other resources to support Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. It accomplishes this through annual campaigns, capital and endowment campaigns, memorial giving, special events and planned giving. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$28 million.

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