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Comic Vision & Scrubs

SickKids Foundation and Fighting Blindness



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Those who attended the SickKids Foundation's sixth annual Scrubs in the City event must have thought they'd gone to hottie heaven. And by that I don't mean the fire-eater who welcomed guests or the half-naked models in their "couture" scrubs attire. I mean the guests themselves. What a good-looking crowd it was — casual but chic, and a veritable who's who of community leaders, both up-and-comers and those who've already arrived.

Maro, the supper-club-of-the-moment in Liberty Village, was the venue — a funky warehouse space that features floor-to-ceiling banquettes in the VIP lounge above the dining room.

Event co-chairs **Deborah Bassett** and **Nicole Swales** were there to meet and greet, and their fabulous *über*-committee, which included **Stephanie Allan**, **Susan Asper**, **Valerie Bertouche**, **Jill Bridgman**, **Sue Bowen**, **Linton Carter**, **Nicole Champagne**, **Kim Enns**, **Sarah Eyton**, **Lori Latchman**, **Alison Reid** and **Suzanne Rogers**, set the tone.

With the help of presenting sponsor Rogers, more than \$275,000 was raised for the neonatal intensive-care unit at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

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Comic Vision, co-founded by comedian **Meg Soper** and **Ann Morrison**, is an evening of hilarity that benefits the Foundation for Fighting Blindness. A favourite of the social set, this year's event was at Kool Haus, where headliner **Dave Hemstad** had guests in stitches, as did the other comedians, including **Jim McNally**, **Debra DiGiovanni** and **Soper** herself.

Co-chairs **Nancy Browne** and **Carmela Capone** were on hand to welcome guests, including **Canadian Idol's** executive director **John Brunton**, president and CEO, Insight Production Co., and his wife, **Franny**; Comic Vision committee member **Janet Gould** and her husband, **Jay**, co-founder, New York Fries; **Pat and Don Robinson**, president, Etfem Canada; **Ray Stein** of the Bochner Eye Institute and **Nancy Viner**; **Chris and Michael McCain**, president and CEO, Maple Leaf Foods; **Steve Gunn**, chairman, CEO and co-founder, Sleep Country Canada, and his wife, **Patti Bunston Gunn**; **Johnnie-Mike Irving**, vice-chair and managing director, Business Solutions Sales, Telus, and his wife, **Georgia Sievwright**; **Pam and Chris Clark**, CEO, Price Waterhouse Coopers; **Ron Lloyd**, chairman and CEO, Credit Suisse Securities (Canada) Inc., and his wife, **Sara**, a Comic Vision committee member; and **Pierre Morissette**, president and CEO, Pelmorex/The Weather Network.

Dr. Elise Héon, ophthalmologist-in-chief at Sick Kids, addressed the crowd, explaining what it's like to live with vision loss and the importance of research. She was joined on stage by **Jamie Fotak**, 10, and **Gavin Morrison**, 14, both of whom have retinitis pigmentosa.

With the help of presenting sponsor Telus, more than \$385,000 was raised for the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.

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Lucy Donne, Paula Tillmann-Pierce, Catherine Tillmann, Babs Schenk and Susan Helstab.



Clockwise from top: Paul Agipato, George Knellakis and Paolo Pipetta, all with Cundari Integrated Advertising; Alek Krstajic and his wife, Natalie Williams; Ali Whiteside and Carmela Capone.



Jane Gill, Jane Gill & Associates, with Ann Armstrong and Ben Hawkin.



Clockwise from top: Sue Matthews, Maria Techar and Shane Crompton; Steven Gilles, Royal Conservatory of Music, and jeweller Myles Mindham; Comic Vision volunteer Jodi Stodgell and Vicki Pullen.



Clockwise from top left: Comic Vision co-founders, comedian Meg Soper and Ann Morrison; Comic Vision volunteer Jill Langford; Ian and Nancy MacKellar, executive VP, C.A. Delaney Capital Management.



Jane Apor, jewellery designer, J. Rox.

Michelle Mondville, spin instructor, Track Fitness.

Susan Asper, model Danny Dortelus and Suzanne Rogers.

Deborah Bassett and Nicole Swales, co-chairs, Scrubs in the City.

Jenna Pietrobon, artist.

Caroline Muloney-Lapham with J. Gibson and Jennifer Bassett.

Developer Peter Tanenbaum and fundraiser Ruthy Mandelbaum.

Wanda Cowie, sales rep. Johnston and Daniel.



Sarah Crawford with Peter Miller and Denise Kirby.



Clockwise from top: Diane Redrupp, Amanda Chew, Jennifer McWilliam and Dolores Larrier; Lori Latchman, Scrubs committee member, and her husband, Leonard Latchman; Mike Girgis, president and CEO, Onestop Media Group, plants a kiss on Selina Esteves.



Doris Christie with Neil Fedun and Sandra Douglas, SickKids volunteer.



Nancy Ross, Megan Fowler, Daphne Webster and Linton Carter.



Jill Spidle with Alicia Alexander, Roundtable Capital Partners.



Clockwise from top: Ed Richardson, project manager/carpenter, My Parents' House; Jim Christodoulis, managing director, Clarus Securities; Nicole Champagne, Scrubs fundraiser, and Duncan McGregor, VP institutional equity sales, Clarus Securities; Rosamund Witchel, Alison Platt and Wendy Milne; Dr. Tom Stanton and his wife, Julie Rennie-Stanton, Chestnut Park Real Estate.

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