

Grace Gala 2020

Announcement



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Dear Friends,

We have come to the regrettable but important decision to cancel the in-person dinner for the 2020 Grace Gala. We will continue with a modest virtual experience on September 30.

The safety of our guests is our paramount concern, and as things have progressed recently with the pandemic, it has become clear to us that this is the most responsible decision.

Mr. Bob Cunningham is the recipient of the Pearl McGonigal Award this year and we intend to recognize him on September 30 at the Manitoba Club with a small gathering of family, and we will broadcast the award presentation on Facebook Live. We hope you will tune in to celebrate this special occasion with the Cunningham Family and Grace Hospital.

All proceeds from the 2020 Gala will go toward the Foundation's \$3 million commitment to re-develop and expand our Diagnostic Imaging Department. This crucial project will see the infusion of more state-of-the-art equipment including a Spect-CT Gamma Camera, second CT Scanner, new digital X-ray and ultrasound machines and the introduction of echo services at the Grace. In fact, our initial goal with the Grace Gala this year was to raise \$200,000 to purchase a new Echocardiogram Machine. We still intend to try and hit that number.

We ask that all Gala supporters consider permitting us to keep your Gala ticket purchase as a donation, for which we will send you an additional tax receipt for the total amount and a COVID-19 care package including a reusable mask and hand sanitizer. Refunds will be provided to all those who request them. We will be contacting each ticket purchaser directly with further information in the coming days.

2020 is an unforgettable year for many reasons, most of which are not good. We want the 2020 Grace Gala, however improbable, to be something good. Acknowledgement for a great business leader and philanthropist Bob Cunningham, and also a financial success in support of our Diagnostic Imaging Department re-development.

More information about the virtual celebration of Bob Cunningham will soon follow.

Sincerely,

Jeff Coleman, Chair, Board of Directors

Bruce Lillie, Chair, Grace Gala Committee

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