



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Shroomfest Does It Again**

Each year, Shroomfest raises money for local charities in a big way. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, over 500 men came together for dinner catered by AJs Catering, a comedy show and live and silent auctions. The result was \$62,950 for more than 30 worthy causes.

At a subsequent presentation event, the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation received \$5,000 from the event. The donation will be directed to the Family Care Fund. Since 2007, Shroomfest has donated \$33,000 to the Foundation.

In total, Shroomfest has raised over \$415,000 for the community. Their donations support small local charities for youth, seniors' programs and supports, and rural recreation in Osgoode. Committee members include Al Graham, Brian Johnston, Kevin Cavan, Daryn Hicks, Doug Anderson, Brendan Cavan, Steve Corlyon, Bruce Buckland, Fernando Medeiros, and Seth Curtis.

"From what I hear, this is always a fun night. Evenings out like this are important for those of us living in rural communities and even more important for charities and non-profits that rely on funding from the public," notes Kristen Casselman, the Foundation's Managing Director. "I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the Shroomfest Committee for thinking of WDMH and its patients again this year. We are so appreciative of this gift and your ongoing support over the years."

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Cutline: Al Graham presents a cheque for \$5,000 to Cindy Peters, Manager, Direct Mail & Events.  
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