



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Boys' Night Out Benefits Local Communities**

What happens when 600 men get together for a night out at Shroomfest? The community benefits!

In fact, this year's event raised \$36,200, which was shared among more than 20 local charities. The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation was honoured to receive \$3,000. Over the past few years, Shroomfest has donated \$22,000 to the WDMH Foundation to support local patient care.

Ten years ago, a small group of men got together to create Shroomfest. "We realized that there were lots of ladies' nights, and now it was time for a men's night," remembers Al Graham. The evening includes a social hour, entertainment, live and silent auctions and a delicious dinner provided by AJ's Catering.

"What's near and dear to us are seniors and children," he explains. "For me, I've made my living here for 40 years and it's a great way to give back to our community." Shroomfest supports everything from safety equipment for local kids' clubs to summer flowerbeds and Christmas parade support in Metcalfe.

"We are grateful to be one of the many beneficiaries of Shroomfest," sums up Kristen Casselman, Foundation Managing Director. "This group of community-minded men is truly making a difference."

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Photo cutline: Al Graham presents the Shroomfest cheque to Kristen Casselman.

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