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Cheeky Calendar Raises Funds for Cancer Care

What happens when a group of women – and a few men – get together to put on a play and produce a calendar? In addition to having a lot of fun, \$4,500 is raised for local cancer care. Most of the funds came from the sale of the calendar, where cast members bared all (almost!) for a good cause.

On December 16, three representatives from the Dundas County Players presented a giant cheque to Kristen Casselman, the WDMH Foundation's Managing Director.

Dundas County Player member Gabriele Thomas shared their story: "Calendar Girls is a real-life story that inspired Elizabeth Barton several years ago. It was first made into a movie and then into a play. The amateur rights to the play became available only very recently. As soon as they were available, Liz set out to bring the story to our local stage at the Winchester Old Town Hall. Unfortunately, Liz is battling cancer herself and had to step down to act as co-director for Calendar Girls. She was, however, adamant that Dundas County Players should continue the fundraising tradition associated with the play and spearheaded the theatre group's own version of a calendar."

Kristen Casselman noted that the WDMH Foundation is grateful to the Dundas County Players and to the many people who purchased one of the amazing calendars. "It is definitely one of the cheekiest fundraisers we've heard about," she joked. "We were honoured to be the beneficiary of this local success story."

Calendars are still available in the WDMH Auxiliary Gift Shoppe.

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Cutline: Shown at the cheque presentation are (l-r): Elizabeth Barton, Dundas County Players Member; Gabriele Thomas, Dundas County Players Member; Kristen Casselman, WDMH Foundation Managing Director; and Aaron Dellah, Dundas County Players Treasurer.