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A Final Dare to Flash Success!

For the past four years, the Eastern Ontario Prostate Cancer Awareness Committee has hosted Dare to Flash a 'Stache (DTFAS), raising awareness and funds. In fact, they've raised more than \$161,000 to support cancer programs at both the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) and The Ottawa Hospital.

On February 9, the committed team presented a cheque for \$9,548.55 to the WDMH Foundation, representing half of the funds raised at the November 2015 event.

"Our number one focus is to create awareness. Prostate cancer is something that men don't talk about," noted Tom Clapp, committee co-chair. "When we were going through it, we found that it was nice to talk to someone who had been there. We can be that support."

At the presentation, Clapp thanked the many supporters and sponsors who have been part of DTFAS, including local firemen, the Lions Clubs and the WDMH Foundation.

He also noted that it was time for a change. "Five years ago, we sat in the old nurses' residence next door and did some brainstorming and came up with Dare to Flash a Stache. Now it's time for something new." The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to look for new ideas centred around Prostate Awareness Month each September.

At WDMH, funds raised help to support the role of the Cancer Care Navigator at WDMH. She provides support and education to cancer patients and their families – helping them navigate their care and connect with local community resources. The service is available to all cancer patients in the local area and no referrals are required.

WDMH Foundation Board Member Cindy Peters thanked the group for their commitment to local health care. "Thank you on behalf of the hospital – and especially on behalf of the many cancer patients that have benefited from the cancer care navigator program. It is possible because of each of you!"



Photo cutline: Celebrating at the event are: Doug Nugent, Tom Clapp, Stephen Wilson, Cindy Peters, Ted Ceelen and Karen Thompson.

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