

## Golf for Grant tourney benefits hospital caregiver lounge



Grant swinging his golf club at the Pebble Beach Golf Course in California in March 2007. | Facebook photo

More than 10K raised for OTMH during inaugural year

The first annual Golf for Grant fundraiser was held on June 29 at Piper's Heath Golf Course, in honour of Grant Crosbie.

The long-time Oakville resident recently passed away at age 72 from early onset Alzheimer's disease.

Partnering with the Oakville Hospital Foundation, more than \$10,000 was raised at the event from personal and corporate donations, golfing games, and a silent auction and raffles, supported by many local Oakville businesses.

The funds will be used in support of The D. Grant Crosbie Family Lounge in Support of Caregivers at the newly opened Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

"Two years ago, a crisis landed Grant in the hospital where he spent five months waiting for a place that could give him the care he required," Karen Harrington, Grant's wife, explained.

"As a result, our family spent many hours on a daily basis in the hospital, so we un-

derstand all too well the stress that family caregivers are under and the need for support and assistance from the community," she continued.

"The D. Grant Crosbie Family Lounge in Support of Caregivers is a warm, bright and welcoming room that will give family caregivers some respite from the sterile hospital environment. This room will provide a comfortable place to watch TV, read a book, fix a snack or just rest when caregivers need it the most."

After an afternoon of golf with about 70 golfers participating, an evening Celebration of Life Memorial for Grant was held with 140 people in attendance, including family, friends, and colleagues of Grant's.

He had worked in the newspaper business for most of his career, including working for many years at the *Globe and Mail* as vice-president of sales and marketing.

— submitted by Joanne Ingrassia, guest contributor to the *Oakville Beaver*



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