

# Party with a Purpose raises \$90,000

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On May 5, Acclaim Health held its second annual Party with a Purpose fundraiser. The event raised over \$90,000.

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Acclaim Health's second-annual Party with a Purpose fundraiser raised almost \$90,000 for seniors and caregivers in Halton last Friday at the Harbour Banquet Centre in Oakville.

These funds will help reduce social isolation for seniors, provide support to those dying at home, give respite to exhausted caregivers and help older adults continue to live in their own homes.

Last year, Acclaim Health raised around \$45,000, but with this year's fundraiser, they were able to double their proceeds to help those in need.

There's no denying that the aging population is increasing and more support needs to be put in place to keep up with the growing needs, said Angela Brewer, CEO at Acclaim Health. It was inspiring to see the community unite together for a common cause to change the lives of their loved ones, friends and neighbours.

Many support programs through Acclaim Health are volunteer based and are free to clients. However, this doesn't mean that they cost nothing to run. This money will reduce the waiting list and help those who have been in need of these services.

To witness the Halton community acknowledge the value of the services we offer by pledg-

ing their support is very validating, said Patricia Blakeley, Director of Community Support Programs at Acclaim Health. Now we can go about providing help to even more people.

Guests spent the evening collaborating on a live art piece which was included among the items auctioned off later that night.

A husband and wife also gave a short speech explaining how Acclaim Health services helped them.

Until Acclaim Health stepped in, we were struggling on our own, said Betty Galysh, Acclaim Health client and caregiver to her husband.

We were offered a volunteer and he has become our salvation in our life, I don't know what we would do without him.

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