

Record year made possible by Heart and Stroke volunteers

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the donors in our community, who like our volunteers, made 1997 a record year for us at the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We beat all our fundraising records by breaking through the \$50 million barrier for the first time.

We've been able to allocate significant new funds into research, including \$6 million to create three endowed research chairs.

We are also very proud of our continuing increase in research funding to a record amount of \$23 million this past year.

Our first, province-wide, multi-million dollar lottery enabled us to raise their record revenues! Not only was our program the only mega-lottery to completely sell out last year, but it sold out two weeks early!

Our on-going challenge is to motivate the at-risk members of our community to modify their lifestyles, to help prevent heart disease or stroke. Stroke, often cited as Canada's forgotten disease, has remained a foundation priority.

We continue efforts to increase the general public's ability to recognize and react to stroke's warning signs.

We are also making great strides in raising awareness among women about their risk of developing heart disease, too often thought to be a man's disease. This year, we will con-

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tinue to hold information sessions around this topic.

Much of this record-breaking success lies in our ability to let our community know what the issues are, and what we're doing about them.

It's the wonderful partnership we have between our loyal volunteers, donors and the community that has made our successes possible.

We are truly grateful for your enthusiasm and commitment!

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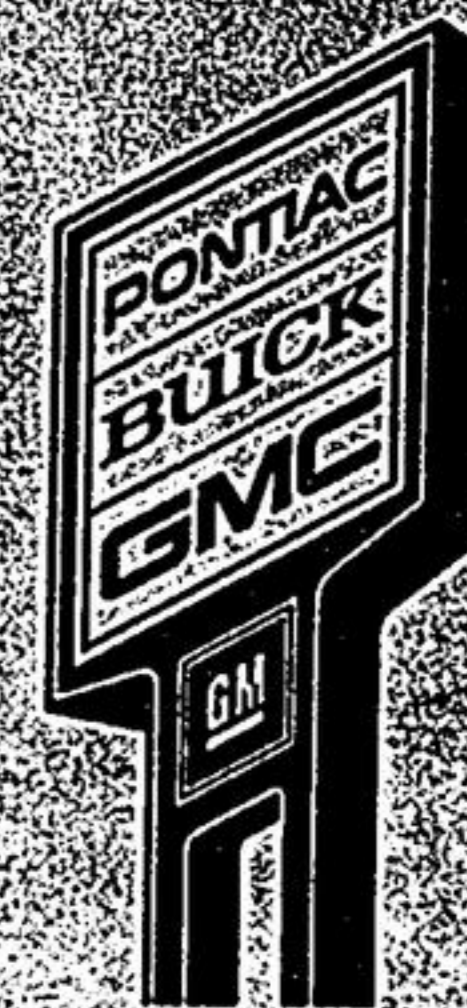
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