

Sisters raise funds for charity at Latcham Hall



Work continues on the extension to the Urafiki Health Centre this spring. The addition will include a new laboratory and facilities for skill-training programs for residents.

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and child facility where patients can receive inoculations, as well as serving as a new laboratory, freeing up much needed space for patient care. The addition will also include areas for computer skills training and basic hygiene training to combat disease.

With building costs of \$25,000, additional funds are urgently needed to continue SIP's vital work in Igoma and to put into place the programs planned for the new extension. The goal for this year's gala dinner at EastRidge Missionary Church, which takes place Oct. 19, is \$50,000, and organizers are looking to the community for donations of money, goods and services that can be auctioned off at the event.

Whether large or small, every donation makes a difference to the continuing success of SIP, said Peter. "Every mosquito net we supply means one life saved."

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A crowd of supporters, family members and friends attended a charity gala and dinner at Latcham Hall July 29 hosted by the Mondino sisters. Back row: Richard Gargal, Bianca and Sonia Mondino, Willie and Keia Pile and Mark Carroll. Front row: Michael Jeffrey and Nick King.



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Toronto Argonaut Willie Pile was guest of honour at a Latcham Hall charity gala and dinner on July 29.

The event was hosted by two Markham sisters, Bianca and Sonia Mondino, who have been chosen to take part in the Miss Canada International and Miss Teen Canada achievement pageants in Mississauga on Aug. 18. Raising money and awareness for charity is a major requirement for contestants in both pageants, said Bianca, who is studying criminology and philosophy at the University of Toronto.

"Our platform is to represent a charity of our choice. I had to write an essay and statement about why I am a suitable candidate and I also attended an hour-long interview."

Miss Canada International is the largest scholarship achievement program in Canada for young women

aged 18 to 26, while Miss Teen Canada is open to those aged 13 to 17. Contestants are judged on a variety of attributes including personality, intellect, communication skills, public speaking, and a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

"I will be one of 40 young women vying for the title of Miss Canada International, who will be the ambassador for youth across the nation, as well as a spokesperson and mentor for young women," explained Bianca. She is raising money and awareness for the Multiple Hereditary Exostoses Foundation and the Dove Self-Esteem fund, while her sister is supporting Kids Help Phone, which offers advice and information to troubled youth 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Among those who attended the Latcham Hall event were a group of Stouffville firefighters, who helped to organize a silent and live auction. "Everything went really smoothly and we raised about \$1,500," said Bianca.

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