

SPECIAL INTEREST



Finlay Mackenzie, Dianne Dash, Dr. Jose Tellez-Zenteno and Faye Mackenzie

Purple Day Special for Donors to Epilepsy Program

Purple Day is a special day for Finlay and Faye Mackenzie.

At RUH Foundation's Donor Grand Rounds in 2011, they met Dr. Jose Tellez-Zenteno, Neurologist and Adult Chair of the Saskatchewan Epilepsy Program. Tellez and Supervising Technologist Dianne Dash explained that at that point, there was only one EEG (Electroencephalogram) telemetry system serving the province. The demands on that equipment, which records electrical activity and in particular seizures in the brain, meant wait times of up to three years for diagnosis and treatment.

"Faye and I were so impressed by their passion

and dedication to this program, we decided to donate towards the purchase of equipment for a permanent telemetry location," says Finlay.

Two years later, the Mackenzies and other generous donors like them were guests at the first "Purple Day" in Saskatoon. Purple Day is part of an international movement dedicated to increasing awareness of epilepsy.

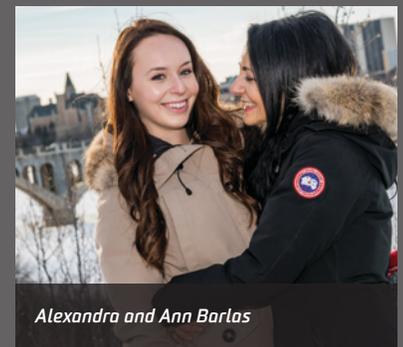
To mark the 2016 event, on March 24 the Lions Foundation of Canada will be bringing their amazing "seizure dogs" (canines capable of activating an alert system or barking for help in the event of a seizure) to Royal University Hospital for a presentation.

Dr. Tellez-Zenteno notes that 5 out of every 1,000 people in Canada have epilepsy, of which 40 percent do not respond to medication and may require surgery. These patients are referred to the Saskatchewan Epilepsy Program at RUH, which Tellez-Zenteno established in 2007. He notes that "This is the only program in the province that provides epilepsy surgery and other specialized treatments for patients with epilepsy."

For more information on the 2016 Purple Day events scheduled for RUH or how you can support the Saskatchewan Epilepsy Program, please contact us at 306.655.1984 or donate online at ruh.org.

Greek Gourmet Feast

Opá! The annual RUH Foundation Greek Gourmet Feast continued its 32-year tradition of providing a heaping helping of support for patient care at Royal University Hospital. Manos Restaurant and Lounge on Eighth Street hosted the dinner, presented by PotashCorp, on March 16, 2016. Diners thoroughly enjoyed delicious Greek cuisine and live entertainment. Thank you to our sponsors PotashCorp, Ens Auto, Saskatoon Express, Daniels Wingerak Engineering Ltd., Golf's Car Wash, Moxie's Grill & Bar, PricewaterhouseCoopers, S.O. Asher Consulting, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, Tim Timmerman – EY LLP and our gracious hosts Manos and the Barlas family for their support of RUH Foundation's Campaign for Emergency, Critical Care and Trauma. The feast has raised over \$910,000 for priorities at RUH since 1984.



Alexandra and Ann Barlas