



**Ottawa Hospital Foundation selected for Lumière Charity Gala**  
*Annual Event at Brookstreet Hotel will impact healthcare in our community*

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011** – OTTAWA: Building on last year's sold out event, Brookstreet's 9th Annual Lumière Gala is poised to make a difference in the community. Partnering with "It's a New Day" Golf Tournament, which will be held at The Marshes Golf Club, the charity gala will be held on Wednesday, September 9.

All proceeds from the 2011 "It's A New Day" Golf Tournament and the Lumière Gala will help The Ottawa Hospital Foundation bring the da Vinci surgical system to The Ottawa Hospital. This robotic surgical system is most often used for prostate cancer surgery, but it will also be used for gynecological, cardiac and general surgeries as well as research.

"We feel compelled to give back to our community and are proud to have made a difference over the years," said Brookstreet Hotel Executive Vice-President Patrice S. Basille. "Over the last 8 years, we've raised more than \$255,000 with our Annual Lumière Gala and another \$162,000 towards Cancer Research."

Referred to as "Ottawa's best summer party," the Lumière Gala began as the grand opening event for Brookstreet Hotel in June 2003. The event's success prompted owner Terry Matthews to make it an annual affair in support of local charitable organizations.

Once again, the gala will showcase the passion and skills of Clifford Lyness, Executive Chef of the award-winning, four-diamond Perspectives Restaurant at the Brookstreet Hotel. Chef Lyness and his culinary team will prepare numerous menu selections which will be paired with local and international wines. Lumière guests can expect a sensational experience with musical entertainment, exciting live and silent auctions, and a spectacular fireworks display to end the evening.

Tim Kluge, President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital Foundation stated: "The benefits of robotic-assisted surgery to patients are numerous: less blood loss, less post-operative pain and shorter hospital stays. In other words, patients regain their quality of life faster and with fewer complications. It is an amazing advancement in health care, and one we want to bring to our patients at The Ottawa Hospital."

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**About Brookstreet**

Brookstreet is Ottawa's leading four-diamond hotel with world-class facilities, including the four-diamond Perspectives Restaurant, The Marshes championship golf course and full-service Au Naturel Spa. Brookstreet actively supports the community through its annual Lumière Gala, participation in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, food drives for the Kanata Food Cupboard, Adopt-A-Road clean up, as well as support for many other local events and charities. For more information about Brookstreet, see: [www.brookstreet.com](http://www.brookstreet.com).

**About "It's A New Day":**

The first annual "It's A New Day" golf tournament was played in 1989 in support of The Canadian Cancer Society. The event was founded by Barry Moffatt to honour the memory of his and his wife Marilyn's closest friends – Alan and Patricia Oakes – both of whom were lost to cancer within a very short period of time. Over the course of the following years, the tournament has evolved, and grown significantly, to become one of the most successful annual fundraising tournaments in the region. Today, as the tournament enters its' third decade, several members of the founding team are still actively involved. They are joined by a group of dedicated and hard-working volunteer committee members who give generously of their time – and often their money – to assist in making the event the success that it is, a day of golf, fun and fundraising!

**About The Ottawa Hospital Foundation:**

The Ottawa Hospital Foundation's mission is to inspire and enable people to support the highest quality health care at The Ottawa Hospital and life-saving research at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. For more information, visit The Ottawa Hospital Foundation website at: [www.ohfoundation.ca](http://www.ohfoundation.ca)

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