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Hello Dolly Benefit Boosts Rec Centre

(Owen Sound) Owen Sound Little Theatre's recent benefit performance of Hello Dolly combined with the efforts of Family Y and OSLT volunteers to boost the Regional Recreation Centre's fund-raising campaign by \$10,643.



Theatre manager Aly Boltman and Hello Dolly director Kathleen Cassidy, Owen Sound Little Theatre President Bill Murphy as well as Board members Gene Cassidy and Cathie Locke presented a cheque, Wednesday, Nov. 17 to Rec Centre fundraising co-chair Sonya Mount for \$8,300. That's the amount raised from ticket sales for a special, gala performance of Dolly, Nov. 10, at the Roxy Theatre in downtown Owen Sound. As well, a raffle of donated items and the sale of 50:50 tickets at the event raised \$1,970 and \$238, respectively. The winner of the evening's 50:50 draw donated an additional \$135.

Construction began last March and is well underway on the 125,000 sq. ft. recreation centre which is financed partly with provincial and federal government grants. The OSLT gift pushes the current fundraising total well over \$2 million, more than 40 per cent of the way toward the \$5 million target to complete financing for the \$38.6 million centre.

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Fund-raising co-chair Tom Rice, who danced and sang as part of the show's men's chorus on gala night, described the event as "a resounding success" in a statement. "What a wonderful example of a partnership of culture and health and recreation," Rice said.

The event highlights the importance for the theatre of its community partnerships, OSLT President Bill Murphy said. "It was an exciting opportunity for us to be able to give back to our community while showcasing the incredible talents of the Owen Sound Little Theatre," Murphy said.

The special performance created "a viable avenue for us to raise funds for another worthy charitable organization while highlighting the importance of partnerships and the value of creative arts in our community," the OSLT president said.

The Nov. 10 gala kicked off OSLT's 50th anniversary season. Dolly continues in performance this week and next.

The run continues Nov. 18-20 and Nov. 24-27 with shows at 7:30 p.m. A Nov. 21 matinee is also scheduled for 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$34 for adults or \$32 for seniors and \$11 for students may be obtained on line by visiting www.ticketscene.ca, by telephone at 519-371-2833 or toll free, 1-888-446-7699.

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