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Kelowna's Ramsay Family Fulfilling Father's Legacy through Health Care Philanthropy

KELOWNA, BC, February 6, 2019 – The Ramsay family of Kelowna has given another significant gift to the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation, this time in support of JoeAnna's House, a home away from home currently under construction on the Kelowna General Hospital site for the families of patients who've had to travel to Kelowna for advanced medical care.

Knowing first-hand the hardship families endure when they are faced with a sick loved one, the Ramsay family gave \$50,000 to support a bedroom at JoeAnna's House, a 20-room home to keep families close as they navigate one of the most difficult times in their lives.

In June of 2016, Jim Ramsay, beloved husband and father, passed unexpectedly. His charm, his love of life and caring would certainly be his legacy, one that is being proudly carried forwards through his wife, Darlene, and daughters Laura and Kathryn.

Even prior to Jim's passing, the Ramsay family began their commitment to supporting families in need of advanced medical care. Previously, the Ramsay's gave a significant gift to the Foundation and were recognized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



Giving to help others is something the family embraces in all capacities. Whether it is donating amazing prizes for the live auction at the KGH Foundation's Heart of Gold Gala, or offering complimentary makeovers to KGH nursing staff for the annual Innkeeper's fete, the Ramsay women share in

thoughtful acts of kindness as a way the family can honor their father's legacy, making life a little more joyful to those who need it most.

The Ramsay Family is well-known in Kelowna. After moving to the region in the mid 1970's, Jim quickly became a pioneer in the business community.

Kathryn and Laura were both born in Kelowna, and have always been grateful for the incredible community they grew up in. Both accomplished in their own fields, their hearts never wander far from their childhood days on Poplar Point.

"It's our hope that everyone who comes to JoeAnna's House will feel safe, warm and loved" says Darlene.

"Our wish for JoeAnna's House is that it is a place where, for just that one moment, you won't be a guest in an accommodation, you will feel at a home."

JoeAnna's House is funded and operated by the KGH Foundation. The KGH Foundation hopes to complete construction by Christmas 2019.

The KGH Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven charitable organization committed to enhancing the delivery of healthcare to the patients of Kelowna General Hospital and its associated facilities.

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