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MacEwan University’s Mad Hatters Gala celebrates its 30 anniversary

Edmonton—For 30 years MacEwan University’s Mad Hatters Gala has engaged corporate and community support to raise funds to help students pursue their academic goals. This year the university is pleased to announce that John and Cathie Chomiak are the Honorary Mad Hatters.

The Chomiaks attended the first Mad Hatters Gala 30 years ago and continue to return almost every year. “We love the atmosphere and the great hats,” said John Chomiak. “We like to see the friendly competition and who can come up with the best hat.”

The gala’s goal of raising funds for student scholarships and bursaries is near to their hearts. As the president of Hemisphere Engineering, Chomiak and his company have supported the gala as sponsors and live auction donors. “We were involved as the engineers in the very first MacEwan building,” says Chomiak. “At that time I met Dr. MacEwan, and I gained a lot of respect for him.”

Through the years the Chomiaks have remained close to the university, its events and leadership. John is the director for the university’s Ukrainian Foundation for College Education. “I have met many youngsters over the years who have attended MacEwan and they have told me they enjoyed their student experience,” added Chomiak.

Both John and Cathie are heavily involved in the community, supporting the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, the iHuman Youth Society and Kids Cottage. MacEwan University has also touched home in another way; their granddaughter is currently in her second year at the university.

For further information on the gala and how to purchase tickets, visit: MacEwan.ca/madhatters

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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