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13th Annual Miriam Foundation Bridge Tournament Raises Close To \$30,000

Montreal, QC – Miriam Foundation Bridge Tournament Chair Deanna Godel announced today that the 13th Annual Bridge Tournament held on Tuesday May 17th at the Lori Black Community Centre raised close to \$30,000. Proceeds benefited Miriam Home and Services – a non-profit organization providing rehabilitative, vocational and residential services to more than 600 children, adults and seniors living with an intellectual disability.

The committee sold over 200 tickets for the 2005 event and have increased their profits this year, as they have consistently done since the tournament's inception. After enjoying cocktails and a silent auction, enthusiastic card players gathered for a night of friendly competition.

For the last number of years, the tournament has been held in the Lori Black Community Centre, which houses most of Miriam Home and Services' vocational and rehabilitative programs. Participants were invited to visit the state-of-the-art community facility and the unique and exciting programs for people with intellectual disabilities which take place there.

The committee was thrilled with the evening's success. "I am happy with the turnout and thankful to the sponsors who are an integral part of this evening's success," expressed Mrs. Godel.

Established in 1970, the Miriam Foundation raises much-needed funds for Miriam Home and Services. Often cited as a model agency, Miriam Home and Services offers innovative and effective initiatives that foster increased socialization and community integration for children, adults and seniors living with intellectual disabilities. Currently, more than 600 people with varying levels of developmental delays receive vocational, rehabilitative and residential services from Miriam Home and Services.

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