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Vince Borg, Hans Gerhardt and Jim Warren.



Brian and Haudia Gillis, parents of a seven-month-old Herbie Hero treated at SickKids, with goodwill ambassador Gord Martineau.



Ian Leventhal and Liz Dobis.



Dave Montanera and Ledja Tusha.

Jennifer and Pat Dicapò from PowerOne Capital.

Marilyn Falus.

Paul and Gina Godfrey.

Noah and Erica Godfrey.

Ron and Adriana Carinci.

Michael and Karen Vukets.



SickKids Dr. Mark Crawford and retiring president and CEO Mary Jo Haddad. Dr. Crawford accepted the annual Doctor of the Year Award on behalf of the Department of Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. Haddad was saluted for her longtime support and service to Herbie Fund.

PARTY OF LIGHT

Paris-themed Mistletoe Ball raises money and spirits for Herbie Fund

BY AMORYN ENGEL

Cancanning show-girls! French wine! City of Light! This year's Mistletoe Ball was themed Midnight in Paris — and a little bit of Paris certainly lit up the Ritz-Carlton Toronto. It's hard to believe that it has been 31 years since the very first Mistletoe Ball and Auction. **Gina and Paul Godfrey** founded the charity when they saw a need to support children from around the world who require life-altering surgeries.

This year, it was fitting that **Dr. Robert Filler** was honoured. Herbie Fund's founding surgeon, in 1979, he performed surgery on Herbie Quinones, the patient for whom the fund is named. "There would not be a Herbie Fund without Herbie Quinones," said Mrs. Godfrey, president & co-founder of The Herbie Fund. "But there would not be a Herbie Quinones without Dr. Robert Filler."

The Mistletoe has always been a great holiday tradition, making a difference for children from around the world. These surgeries aren't available in their home countries because of lack of specialized medical expertise and resources. All SickKids physicians donate their time and expertise, waiving surgical fees.

The number of children helped each year depends on the amount of money raised, as there are always more applications than the fund can support. This year's event welcomed hundreds of guests with pantomimes and live music from street performers on piano and accordion.

After a sumptuous meal, the awards were presented. The Doctor of the Year Award is typically presented to an individual, but this year's was given to the Department of Anesthesia and Pain Medicine at SickKids.

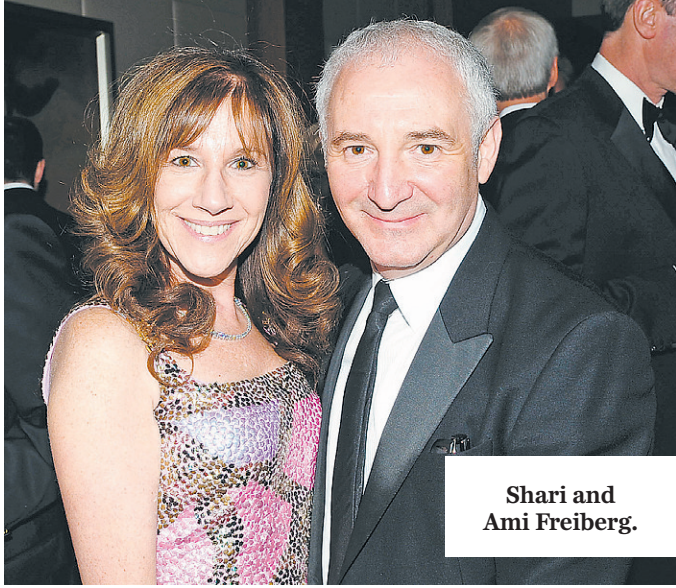
"We were surprised and delighted when Dr. Wright and the Review Committee chose an entire department for the honour of Doctor of the Year. That's a first for this event," said **Laurel Sussman**, chair of the Mistletoe Ball. "Things got better still when one of our valued sponsors, Bruce Etherington & Associates, purchased two tables and donated them to the department, ensuring that a whole team of doctors and nurses [could] be in attendance for this great honour."

The Spirit Award was given to **Vicky Milner**, who spent five years with SickKids Foundation, serving during that time as the key liaison and support to Herbie Fund. Funds were raised with the help of Telus and Scotiabank.

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Herbie Fund co-founder Paul Godfrey with special honouree Dr. Robert Filler.



Shari and Ami Freiberg.



Javier Santamaria makes a new friend.



Event chair Laurel Sussman with Tanya Jivov and a past Spirit Award recipient Brittney Kuczynski.

Lydia and Samantha Sharpe.

Spirit Award winner Vicky Milner with parents, Mikhail and Irina Reznikov.



Rob and Melinn Godfrey.

Clare and Fotini Copeland.

Brett Vukets and Brooke Mackie.