

## **Community Fundraising Gives Boost to Client Services at Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health Client**

**June 18, 2024** – Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health (LLGAMH) is delighted to announce that third-party fundraising efforts in the community have raised approximately \$22,000 (and counting) this spring in support of client services.

"We are very grateful for the immense generosity of our community," said Kim Gifford, Interim CEO, LLGAMH. "Community fundraising efforts help LLGAMH provide clients with extra amenities and services not covered by our funding. For example, the donation from last year's ML Memorial Golf Tournament made it possible to purchase a new client vehicle for accessing community programs, services, and appointments."

This year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ML Memorial Golf Tournament set a new record for the event by raising \$20,000 for LLGAMH. In memory of Mike Lalande, his family, led by Mike's sister Amanda Fitzgerald, started the charity tournament to ensure Mike's story wasn't ending and recognized there was an opportunity to create change and help end the stigma around mental health.

Amanda shared: "Although the reason for starting this tournament is really sad, and we would love nothing more than to still have Mikey with us, we are honored to be able to make a difference and bring awareness to something that affects more lives than we know, all while keeping Mike's memory alive. Without our community's continued support and the committee members' hard work, we wouldn't be able to give in the ways we have! When my little brother passed, I knew I had to take our negative and make it into a positive—I believe we have done just that!"

In celebration of Manoll's Fish and Chips in Brockville's remarkable 90-year legacy, Manoll's committed to donating a portion of its fish & chips sales for the whole month of May to LLGAMH, which raised nearly \$1,900 for the Agency.

The community fundraising efforts continue this month with the Rideau-St. Lawrence Real Estate Board Charity Golf Tournament on June 19, selecting LLGAMH as this year's charity. All proceeds from the event will be donated to LLGAMH to support client services.

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