

Dane Cook headlines Owen Hart Foundation fundraiser

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The Owen Hart Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary with a presentation of legendary comedian Dane Cook who performed two SRO shows at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. Readers may recall the foundation has, over the years, brought legendary entertainers the likes of Jerry Seinfeld and Bob Newhart to Robin Williams and Howie Mandel. The Owen Hart Foundation has raised more than \$3 million since its inception all the while supporting education for individuals with limited resources but unlimited potential. Cook brought the house down to be sure, but for many in attendance, the highlight of the evening was a private screening of the award-winning short documentary *The Owen Hart Foundation: A Look Back* which recently won four awards at the prestigious Monaco International Film Festival. A delighted Martha Hart and her team picked up trophies for Best Short

Documentary, Best Short Documentary Director, Best Film Editing Short Documentary and The Angel Humanitarian Film Award.

Kudos to all involved on the success of the 15th annual event and take a bow sentiments go out to headline sponsor Trago Tequila Company and representatives Dave Lavoie and Chris Tahn.

Others in attendance at either of the two performances included: Dr. Martha Hart, founder of The Owen Hart Foundation and her wonderful children, son Oje Hart and daughter Athena Hart; event producer Dave Howard, The Event Group founder and his wife Jacquelyn Howard; Dr. Nicole Letourneau of the University of Calgary with her husband Dean Mullin, Stantec



Pictured at the 15th anniversary of the Owen Hart Foundation performances are headliner Dane Cook (with white hat), Dr. Martha Hart, founder of The Owen Hart Foundation and her children, son Oje Hart and daughter Athena Hart.

Oil & Gas vice-president; Kavita and Ashid Bahl of For the Love of Children Society; Brookfield Residential COO Trent Edwards with his wife Victoria with colleague Gisele Danis and her husband Royce Chwin, Tourism Alberta CEO; Prairie Merchant Corporation chairman and legendary philanthropist W. Brett Wilson; journalist Tammi Christopher; Periscope Productions TV director Ron E. Murphy; Shoe Muse's Dani Izzo; High Tails Pet Resort's Debbie Zelez; Owen Hart Foundation volunteer Virginia Xavier; Canadian Paralympian Patrick Jarvis and his wife, Air Canada's Lisa Jarvis; ConocoPhillips Canada's Barb Simic with pals Cathy and Rob Skalicky, and Christina Mason.



Pictured, from left, at the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook are Virginia Xavier, Owen Hart Foundation volunteer, Canadian Paralympian Patrick Jarvis and his wife Lisa Jarvis of Air Canada.



Posing for the lens at the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook are Dani Izzo of Shoe Muse with Debbie Zelez of High Tails Pet Resort.



Pictured, from left, at the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook are philanthropist and community leader W. Brett Wilson with journalist Tammi Christopher and Ron E. Murphy, TV director, Periscope Productions



Among the hundreds of guests who attended the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook were, from left, Trent Edwards COO of Brookfield Residential with his wife Victoria, and Gisele Danis of Brookfield Residential with her husband Royce Chwin, CEO of Tourism Alberta



Pictured, from left, at the 15th anniversary of the Owen Hart Foundation featuring headliner Dane Cook are Chris Tahn and Dave Lavoie of The Trago Tequila Company, with Dr. Brian Killick of Dentrax Dental Care, and Renee Chernecki of LAR Business Concepts.



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Pictured from left at the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook are Dr. Nicole Letourneau of the University of Calgary with husband Dean Mullin, vice-president of Stantec Oil & Gas, and Kavita and Ashid Bahl of For the Love of Children Society.



All smiles, from left, at the Owen Hart Foundation's evening with Dane Cook are Cathy Skalicky, Christina Mason, Rob Skalicky, Christina Skalicky and ConocoPhillips' Barb Simic.