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### **EDMONTON PHILANTHROPIST RECOGNIZED FOR \$100,000 DONATION TO NURSING HOME DINING ROOM PROJECT**

Donald Oborowsky, co-founder and CEO of Waiward Steel, presented the CapitalCare Foundation with a cheque for \$100,000 towards improving dining rooms for people living in CapitalCare long-term care facilities. The presentation was made this morning at the second annual Wooden Bowl breakfast, a fundraising event attended by 100 of Edmonton's business leaders and held at the Royal Glenora Club.

"I believe the kitchen is heart of the home," said Oborowsky who is also partners with his son Shonn Oborowsky, owner-operator of Characters Fine Dining. Don and Shonn used to cook special meals for Don's mom and other residents of the nursing home she lived in. "I see the importance of creating warm and inviting dining rooms for the benefit of others living in long-term care facilities."

Don's contribution establishes the Oborowsky Family Dining Room, currently under construction at CapitalCare Lynnwood.

The CapitalCare Foundation's Cooking Up Quality of Life campaign is seeking \$4-million from the community to renovate 19 dining rooms at three of CapitalCare's oldest facilities: CapitalCare Grandview (completed), CapitalCare Lynnwood (under construction), and CapitalCare Dickinsfield (construction beginning in 2013), centres built between 1966 and 1981. To date over \$3 million has been raised.

Although CapitalCare facilities are publicly-funded, the dining room enhancement project does not qualify for government infrastructure funding.

"Nursing homes that are 30 years old and older look and feel like hospitals, not someone's home," said Iris Neumann, CEO, CapitalCare. "At CapitalCare we are making changes that will help people feel like they are living in the comfort of their own homes."

The Wooden Bowl Breakfast is a major fundraising event in support of the dining room renovation campaign. Edmonton-area business leaders are invited to make a contribution towards improving quality of life for our community's senior citizens.

Other major donors to the Cooking Up Quality of Life campaign have included Dianne and Irving Kipnes Foundation (\$500,000 contribution); The Anne & Eldon Foote Fund (\$300,000 contribution); Stollery Charitable Foundation, \$80,000 contribution; Allard Foundation, \$50,000 contribution; the Lynnwood Auxiliary, \$25,000 contribution; Richard and Lorna McCallum \$10,000.

**Tours of completed dining rooms at CapitalCare Grandview and Lynnwood are encouraged and may be arranged upon request.**

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