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Success Story #18035, "The Miracle": "I was told that with my extreme presbyopia, my vision could never be corrected. I started searching for a miracle, and that people everywhere were talking about London Eye Centre. I made the trek to New Westminster, B.C. and became one of those miracles! Now, I can see perfectly and I'm more active than ever and truly enjoying the road for relaxation or exercise."

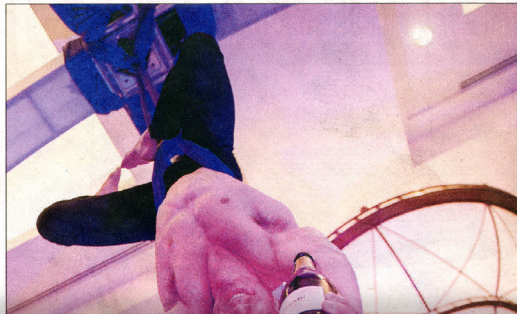
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NEXT STAGE: For 20 years, the B.C. and Yukon chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation sought to raise its profile with the annual Awareness Day Luncheon. Organizers concluded the event last year. Recognizing it was



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CTV morning anchor Kerri Adams served as emcee, and raised a glass or two to the support demonstrated for breast cancer research.



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A REAL SHINER: At the behest of Cecilia Tse and her gala committee members Priscilla Lam, Patrick Lau, Eric Woo and Helen Yu, A-listers from B.C.'s Chinese community arrived en masse at the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel for the inaugural Time to Shine Gala. With De Beers jewellers as the party sponsor, you knew this event was going to be a sparkler. Four hundred well-dressed and well-heeled guests filed into the gorgeously appointed Star Sapphire ballroom for the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation fundraiser.

The black-tie affair, representing the foundation's first Asia-Pacific community event, carried the theme of East meets West, including a special menu created by three renowned chefs: Bruno Tison from Sante Restaurant at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn, Mickael Le Calvez from Raffles Singapore and Atticus Garant from the host hotel. Upon arrival, the glamorous crowd — which included well-known couples Thomas and Amy Fung, Stephen and Grace Kwok, Jason and Emily Ko, David and Alice Chung, Peter and Nancy Chieng, Hilary and Patsy Hui, and Allen and Karen Kwong — mingled among silent-auction items while sipping fine champagne. Revellers then feasted on Qualicum Bay scallops, Northern Divine caviar, Maine lobster and American Wagyu Kobe beef filet mignon in the grand ballroom.

The night concluded with a sweet finish. Buoyed by the Chinese New Year, attendees gave generously and gave often during the live auction. Led by auctioneer Tyler Olson, bids skyrocketed on luxury packages that included exotic getaways, unique experiences and one-of-a-kind masterpieces. A Lotus form necklace consisting of 1,129 diamonds totalling 8.8 carats, modelled by Suzette Hernandez, garnered the evening's top bid of \$168,000. The impressive sale contributed to a jaw-dropping \$1.35 million generated, blowing past the \$1 million goal set to purchase the third of three computerized tomography scanners for VGH's emergency department.

Heavyweights lending their support included Westbank CEO Ian Gillespie, Scotiabank senior VP Winnie Leong, Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange president Tony Ma, Goh Ballet director Chan Hon Goh, Royal Pacific Realty founder David Choi, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars CEO Christian Chia, RBC private wealth management senior private banker Raymond Li, De Beers owner Aya Primbetova and UBC-VGH Hospital Foundation CEO Barbara Grantham and chair Benjamin Yeung.



Vivian Eliopoulos, VGH chief operating officer — Vancouver Acute, left, and hospital foundation CEO Barbara Grantham witnessed a huge haul at the first ever Time to Shine Gala.



Suzette Hernandez modelled a Lotus necklace consisting of 1,129 diamonds totalling 8.8 carats. The necklace, donated by De Beers, fetched \$168,000 to help support the purchase of a new CT scanner to replace older models at VGH's emergency department.



From left, Karen and Allen Wong and Sylvia Chen were among the many business and community leaders and philanthropists that helped raise an impressive \$1.35 million for the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

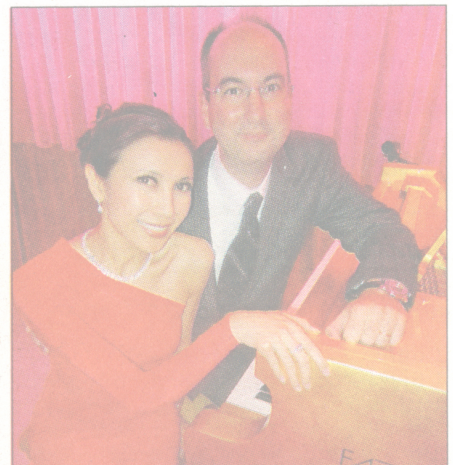
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Fairchild media mogul Thomas Fung and his wife Amy were among the power players in attendance at the fundraising dinner.



Cecilia Tse, Colliers International senior vice-president Asia Pacific, left, and De Beers vice-president Aya Primbetova pulled off stunning looks for the inaugural Time to Shine Gala.



Chan Hon Goh, left, decked in De Beers diamonds, attempted to tickle the ivories of Manuel Bernashek's \$500,000 gold-plated Fazioli piano.



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