



ASHLEY FRASER, THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

Garry Janz, left, created an organization of motorcyclists who ride to raise money for prostate cancer research, and Barbara Farber has demonstrated leadership in significant fundraising projects.

Fundraising professionals recognize philanthropists

National Gallery gala honours donors

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The Association of Fundraising Professionals honoured six of Ottawa's most generous philanthropists during a gala reception last night at the National Gallery.

Among those recognized for their contributions to charities were a group of burly, bearded bikers, a first-year university student and a popular outdoor gear retailer.

Garry Janz is the founder of the Motorcycle Ride for Dad, which has raised more than \$1 million for prostate cancer research and education. He said that while the glitzy event wasn't exactly their style, he and the rest of the Ride organizing committee were thrilled to see their cause receive recognition.

"Men don't talk about their prostates," he said. "Anything below the belt is private."

After realizing how many men were dying of a disease that has a 90-per-cent survival rate if it's caught early, Mr. Janz decided to do something.

On a cold, wet, and windy day in May 2000, nearly 80 motorcyclists showed up and raised \$20,000, and the Ride For Dad has grown dramatically every year since.

"We hope that men will start thinking, 'If cops and bikers talk about it, maybe it's OK for us to talk about it,'" he said, adding he now gets phone calls and e-

The other awards handed out last night:

- Outstanding Small Business Philanthropist: Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP, honoured for long-standing commitment to contributing volunteer time, services, and financial support to local charitable causes.

- Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award: Daniel G. Clapin, director of alumni & development at Saint Paul University. The bilingual professional fundraiser was honoured for his leadership at the university.

- Outstanding Individual Philanthropist: Tony Durst of the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Science, was honoured for his ongoing personal financial commitment to area charitable organizations.

- Outstanding Youth Award: Laila Adassi, for her involvement with the United Way, Kids Help Phone, and the Canadian Cancer Society, in addition to mentoring, peer tutoring and athletic leadership roles.

- Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist: Mountain Equipment Co-Op, for its MEC Environmental fund, which supports environmental charities;

- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser: Barbara Farber, for demonstrating a leadership role in significant fundraising projects for numerous organizations including the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre, The United Way Women's Community Leadership Committee, and The Algonquin College Foundation, which she chairs.

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