

The Ottawa Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope raise \$20,000 in support of Huntington's Disease



OTTAWA – Oct. 17, 2007. On October 15th, the Ottawa Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope held their first fundraiser of the year "Compassion with Fashion Show" in support of the Huntington's Society of Canada. Huntington's Disease is a fatal, inherited, genetic brain disorder that affects both the body and mind. It usually strikes an individual when they are in the prime of their life-usually in the mid-30's. Every child of a parent with Huntington Disease has a fifty per cent chance of developing the disease. Huntington Disease touches the life of one in every one thousand Canadians.

The event was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre, which was elegantly decorated. The catering added panache to the event and ambience. The show sold out at approximately 420 event tickets. The event featured the latest fashions from Melanie Lyne, The Bay and Pat Flesher furs. Door prizes and raffle tickets included spa packages, an evening for two of fine dining and limousine service, a painting by Katerina Mertikas, to list but a few. The show was featured on CJOH CTV News and the Ottawa Citizen Newspaper. The event's Masters of Ceremonies were Ottawa's own Karen Salomon from *A Channel News* and Daniel Prousalidis from *Chum Radio*.

The event honoured a long time member of the AHEPA family, the late Nicholas Reklitis and his family. Sister Gisele Reklitis is a long time member of the Ottawa Chapter and has been a member of the Executive for many years. Their children George and Clea are also long time members of the AHEPA family.

The Daughters raised \$20 000 for the Huntington's Society, a cheque for this amount was presented that same evening. More importantly, through this event a Huntington's sufferer was able to receive the help and support they need. The event raised much needed awareness. The disease is seldom heard of and as a result we were able to reach out to the community thus offering information and support to patients who so desperately need it.

We would like to thank the chairperson of the event, Sister Doris Ramphos for her admirable leadership, her vision and her everlasting devotion to improving the community. We would also like to thank all the members of the Ottawa AHEPA family, and the community for participating in and supporting this special event. A special thank you to all our sponsors and donors.

Margaret Dritsas

President Ottawa Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope

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Compassion with
Fashion
Show

Sunday October 15th, 2006 - 6:30 p.m.
Hellenic Banquet Centre - 1315 Prince of Wales Drive
Donation of \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door
Dessert will be served

For tickets please call (613) 723-2691 or (613) 738-0111

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Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Huntington Society of Canada