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2009 Chapter Development Retreat & AGM A Great Success!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out during the weekend and thank you to Blue Mountain Resorts.

Special thanks to Sheri Franklin, Tracey Jardine, Heidi Roach, Anita and Keith Pennington from Chatham-Kent Multiple Births for being our Hospitality Suite hosts. Everyone had a great time Friday and Saturday nights and walking around The Village at Blue taking pictures as per their quest! The food was great and the company was even better.

Another special thank you to Lori Oldfield from Multiple Births Guelph-Wellington for taking on the huge task of coordinating and running the Silent Auction. As well as a big thank you to Wendy Gauvreau from Temiskaming Multiple Births for coordinating and running the Instant Raffle. More thank yous are needed for Candi Cuppage, Darlene Nagy and Nancy Young for their selling skills in raising money via two 50/50 draws! We raised over \$2200 with these 3 fundraisers combined. You are all fantastic volunteers and we are absolutely grateful for all of your efforts in helping MBC reach its goals.

The MBC Board of Directors would also like to thank Lynn Stadler-Hawkins, Chair of the Making A Difference Awards and her team for pulling together another wonderful presentation for the following well-deserved 2009 MADA winners.

Local Category – co-winners **Shelley Ryan & Gerlinde Rup** of Windsor/Essex POMBA

National Category – **Theresa Meininger Sanders** – MBC Special Needs Support Network Chair & member of Barrie Parents of Twins and More

International Category – **Jane Denton, RGN, RM** – Director of the Multiple Births Foundation in the UK

Media Category – **AM800 CKLW** – Windsor, Ontario radio station

Congratulations also go to Meredith Fraser-Ohman and Nicole Fisher for their 5 years of service to MBC. A very special congratulations goes to Lynda Haddon for celebrating 20 years of volunteer service with MBC (and POMBA). Lynda has held many positions over the years and continues to give generously of her time as the Loss and Breastfeeding Support Network Chairs at the national level, as well as being a Past Chair of MBC, all while serving her community in many other capacities. You are truly an inspiration and role model for volunteerism Lynda!

We were excited to welcome approximately 60 Chapter Representatives from 16 different Chapters including Richmond, BC, Edmonton, AB, Saskatoon, SK and many others from all over Ontario. Our speakers & workshops were well received and we are all looking forward to next year's National Conference and Annual General Meeting which is being hosted by the Edmonton Twin & Triplet Club (www.ettc.ca) at the West Edmonton Mall. Make sure to start your fundraising soon... You won't want to miss the 2010 Conference and AGM.

We would also like to thank all those that helped by providing donations and sponsorships that helped to contribute to the success of the weekend. A list of these individuals, members, Chapters and companies can be found at the following link: <http://www.multiplebirthscanada.org/english/09Sponsors.php>.

Thank you again to everyone who attended, presented and assisted in making this Retreat a success!

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