

GREEN and LAM

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A MESSAGE
FROM
CATHERINE
LAWRENCE

THANK EWE VERY MUCH!

Thank you all so much for your help in making the inaugural Green Eggs and LAM Gala such a huge success! As many of you know, I have always led a very active life and for many years was blessed with fantastic health. I never dreamed that I would need the help of my family and friends in this way. It is very humbling to be surrounded and supported by such a stellar group of human beings. I am so lucky. This disease is my challenge. It is my Mount Everest. YOU are the oxygen that will help me and all the other women living with LAM, get to the top! The CN Tower was a great start. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Up up and away!

Catherine

On Tuesday May 20, 2008, "Green Eggs and LAM" took to the CN Tower to launch its first awareness gala. The event was timed to coincide with meetings of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) in Toronto, with many distinguished doctors and LAM specialists in attendance. Leslie Roberts, Global News' senior anchor chaired the evening which hosted over 300 people.

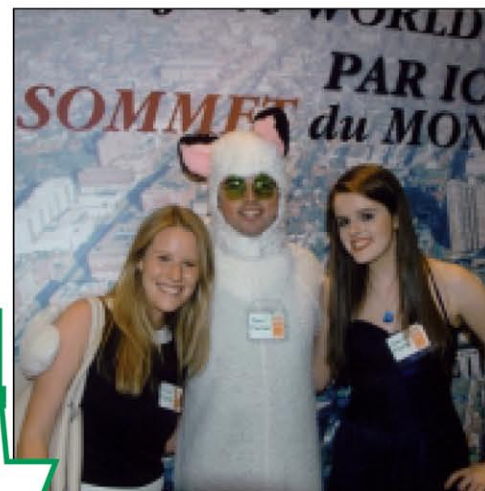


300 doctors, friends and family filled the CN Tower.

The concept of "Green Eggs and LAM", the fun and catchy name taken from Dr. Seuss' popular children's book, Green Eggs and Ham, was introduced by Catherine as a means of drawing people's attention to this rare and deadly disease. According to Catherine, "Dr. Seuss is familiar to everybody so by drawing on this we are hoping to raise everybody's awareness of LAM." Dr. Seuss' simple and playful rhymes are also in contrast to the impressive, detailed medical textbook on LAM edited by Dr. Joel Moss, which



Global's Leslie Roberts chaired the event and he and Catherine teamed up on the microphone to get the party started.



Catherine ordered upon being diagnosed with LAM. "I guess my wish would be that the complexity of LAM research could somehow be distilled and simplified to the point of treatment and cure in the same vein that Dr. Seuss' genius and simplicity brings joy and laughter to millions of children."

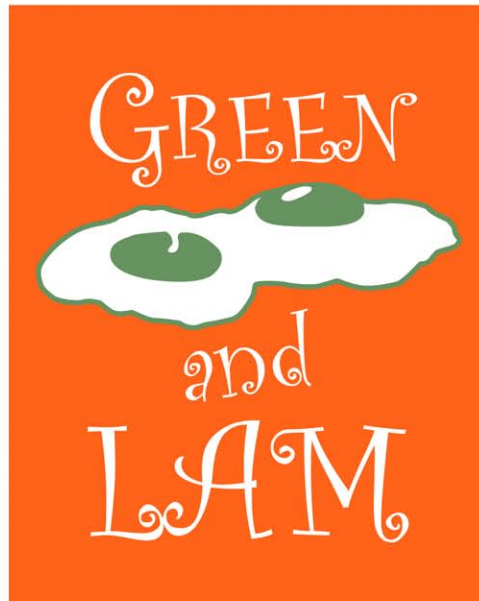


Some fabulous doctors working hard to find a cure for LAM: (L to R: Dr. Vera Krymskaya, Dr. Frank McCormack, who also spoke, Dr. Joel Moss and Dr. Arnold Kristof).



Ontario Conservative Party leader John Tory with Baa Baa Ben.

Green Eggs and LAM is also in keeping with Catherine's philosophy that humour is a critical survival tool, and that while LAM is a serious and devastating disease never to be taken lightly, where possible, everyone needs to seize opportunities to take themselves a little more lightly.



Dr. Gene Sullivan from the LAM Foundation greets LAM patients Beverly Holtzman and Dr. Marsha Cohen. Marsha has been working diligently for years to support Canadian LAM patients.



The party attracted all ages. Everyone contributed their energy and spirit, high in the sky, overlooking Toronto harbour.



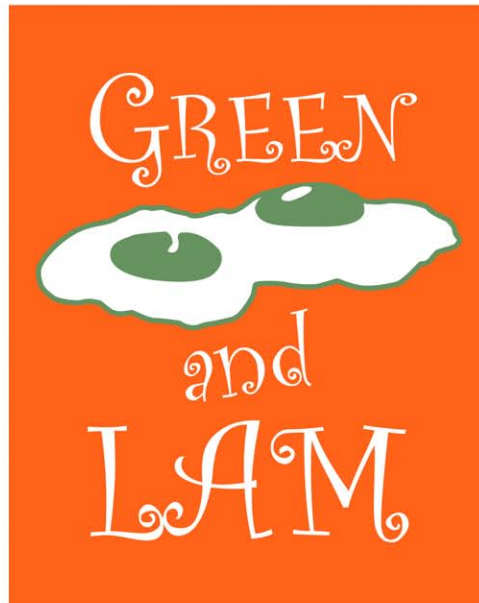
Catherine's sisters, Anne and Judy, laughing with their nephew and niece.



Laughing for LAM was the predominant theme for the gala. Here Catherine shares a laugh with her sister Judy and Irene Aziz.



Melanie Tory with her husband John Tory and his aunt Pam (Kilmer).



"I know some new tricks" said The Cat in the Hat – aka Christopher Tory talking to Susan Magee.



Brampton, Ontario, Catherine's hometown, was well represented thanks to her good friend and committee member Nancy Rowland (pictured in front of some of the "Ha Ha Sisters" and other Brampton friends).



Diane and Pat Didonato, Zeva Davis, Ron White and committee member, Robin Perry.



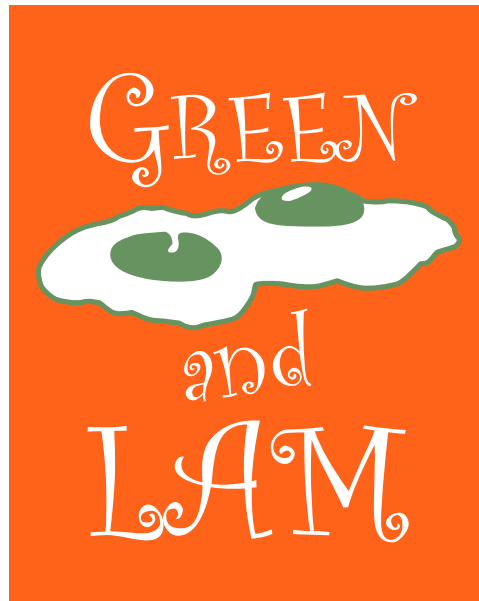
Brian Clements, Lindsay Perry, and Jennan Phelan enjoying the party.



Catherine prescribing RX Laughter to LAM doctors Susan Golaher and Thorarinn Gislason.



Leslie Roberts and Catherine distributing Green Eggs and Ham books to doctors to fortify their medical libraries.



Dr. John Thengannat and Dr. Lianne Singer happy recipients of Dr. Seuss' book.



Billie, committee member and radio personality, Nicki Perry, John Tory, Jennan Phelan, Laurie Braun and daughter, Robin Perry.



Hart Pomerantz, Catherine and committee member Barbara Hackett.



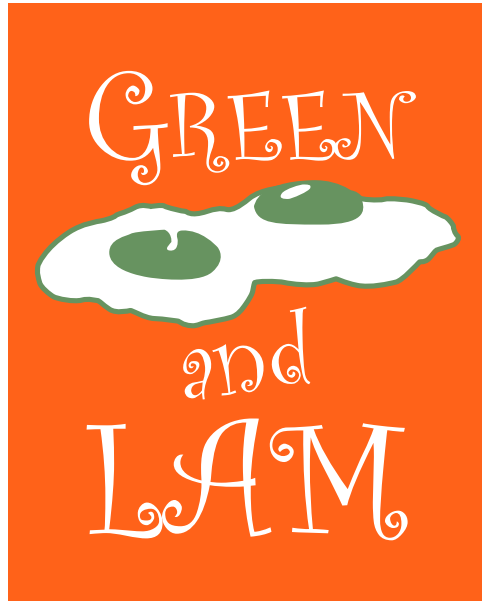
Jerome Morse enjoys the attention of the jovial City of Brampton staff.



Catherine with Seymour Epstein.



Leslie Roberts at the helm.



Brampton's Lois Rice with John Tory.



The Honourable Justice Gloria Epstein, committee member, with Leslie and Catherine.



Beverly Holzman (wo)mans the brainstorming and creativity table.

Following the showing of a Global national broadcast piece on LAM and the distribution of Dr. Seuss' famous book to the doctors present, guests mingled, talked and laughed well into the evening. "It was a fabulous evening, fun and lively, yet people all understood why they were there..." and "Count me in for next year!" were among the remarks heard from guests which captured the sentiment and energy of the party!

Q What is LAM?

A LAM (Lymphangiomyomatosis) is a rare lung disease afflicting women in their child-bearing years. Cysts develop and proliferate in the lungs, blocking airways eventually resulting in asphyxiation. There is no hereditary connection and doctors/scientists have not yet been able to determine the cause. Some women may live for a number of years while others will not.

Q What is being done to treat LAM patients?

A There are several medical initiatives being undertaken to better understand LAM however at this time there is no known cause or cure. Lung transplantation is considered a last resort.



More friends of The Cat in the Hat enjoying the evening.

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THANK EWE TO:**

The fabulous committee members
Leslie Robert (Chair), Dr. Marsha
Cohen, Judy Jarvis, Phyllis Ellis,
Barbara Hackett, Robin Perry, Victoria
Foley, Bonnie Levy, Jane Chisholm,
The Honourable Justice Gloria
Epstein, Nancy Rowland, Billie,
Elaine Vacheresse, Tamara Lawson.

Tosca Reno who generously supplied
the Oxygen magazines.

Gary Slaughter for the tickets/door prize.



LAM attracted a lot of attention that evening.



Oncologist and author Dr. Rob Buckman with committee member Jane Berry Chisholm.



Jamie Campbell smothered by kisses from Billie and Glen Dickson.