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Elegant Event Benefits Action Centre

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The Action Centre, the only bilingual day centre for handicapped adults in Montreal, celebrated its fifth birthday with a soirée that honoured Mary and David Culver for their philanthropic work. Sandra Schlemm, committee chairperson, welcomed guests to the elegant Atwater Club, where the party was held. The event's co-hosts, Global TV's Jamie Orchard and Ginger Petty, were thrilled with David Culver's announcement that he would establish a fund for the centre.

Present were committee members Annemarie Bertrand, Sue and Charles Cavell, Leslie Frankel, Rosemary Hoppenheim, Sue and David McConnell, Eddy Miller, Suzanne Rinfret-Moore, Sam Pelc, Leonard Schlemm, Diane Soroka, Karen and Peter Velan and Anna and Michael Vineberg. Enjoying the delicious goodies were Binny and Ravi Mehra, Yves Hébert and Simon Tooley, Marc Bibeau and Barbara and Bill Molson.

Amused by Mel Hoppenheim's auctioneering style were Nanette and Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien, Isabelle Court and François de Gaspé Beaubien, Allana and Vincent Damphousse, Diane and Aldo Bensadoun, Leslie and Brian Dunn, Lori and Stephen Shiller, and the Culver children Diane, Mark and Andrew. The festive event raised \$200 000 for the Action Centre.

(Image caption) Mary Culver (left), David Culver, Sandra Schlemm, Ginger Petty and Kevin Harrison (front), were among the guests who raised money for the Action Centre at the Atwater Club.