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Sculpture honoring Margaret & Charles Juravinski unveiled at the Juravinski Cancer Centre

(Hamilton, ON) -- Two years ago, Hamilton Health Sciences President and Chief Executive Officer, Murray Martin visited Hamilton sculptor, Gino Cavicchioli with a tall order -- to create a piece of art to commemorate the monumental \$43 million donation made by Margaret and Charles Juravinski in support of health care in Hamilton.

On November 12, 2008, Margaret and Charles unveiled the 1,000 pound bronze relief in its temporary home -- the Juravinski Cancer Centre. When redevelopment of the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre is complete in 2012, the sculpture will be relocated to the front lobby where it will be built into a wall by the information desk in the main lobby.

"We thought it fitting to create something very special to adorn the lobby of the brand new hospital -- something that will stand the test of time and remind future generations of the phenomenal generosity of these two people who came from very humble beginnings," said Murray.

After spending some time getting to know Margaret and Charles, Gino created a concept to help showcase the Juravinskis' down-to-earth nature. Countless hours of work by Gino and the foundry resulted in a bronze masterpiece that will endure forever.

"Like many others, I was so inspired by Margaret and Charles' generosity and desire to help our community. My ultimate goal was to create a piece of art that will move, touch and inspire people now and in the future," said Gino.

The finished piece of art combines two styles of sculpture: three dimensional sculpture and relief. The Juravinskis appear in three-dimension alongside their beloved dog, Bo Jangles. The scene that surrounds the Juravinskis is called a bronze relief and depicts a rising sun, horses, a lake and the escarpment to capture the couples' love of nature and the hope they have for the future.

“One of my favourite features of the relief is that Margaret and I are three-dimensional and the back of the relief appears as an impression of our bodies,” said Charles. “In the new lobby, people will be able to walk around the back of the wall and literally walk into our shoes.”

“Over the years that come, I hope that we serve to remind people of the fact that they can walk into our shoes and do whatever they can to support Hamilton Health Sciences and all the great care they provide to us all.”

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