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**Dear Friend,**

An important mission of the McGill Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and its oncology program is to provide state-of-the art care for patients with cancers and other disorders of the head and neck. These cancers are unpredictable and may affect the thyroid, throat, voice box, mouth and tongue, and the nasal chambers. Our research programs have led to many new treatments and surgical procedures to combat these potentially fatal diseases. These research programs have offered our patients hope for the future with an attempt to bring us closer to the important cure.

We once again appeal to your generosity and support. We are pleased to announce that the special honoree for this year’s campaign is:

**The Argento Family**

The Argentos are an exceptional community minded family who unfortunately have many members afflicted with cancer of the thyroid gland. The family tree includes 4 generations and one line of 12 siblings who are either under investigation for a genetic abnormality or have undergone surgery. Eleven members have been successfully operated by the thyroid surgical team in our Department. It is a sad but also a hopeful story to tell. It is a story of optimism for surgical cure of their cancer and a story of optimism that our researchers will discover the genetic abnormality for definitive cure. We wish to recognize the Argento Family not merely for their medical misfortune but moreso for their upstanding contributions to Quebec society.

Please support our 2013 campaign by giving generously to this wonderful event. By supporting the research fund that honors the Argento Family, you will be a meaningful and important part of our efforts to provide our community of patients with the most modern medical care available.

We are very appreciative of the support you have given in previous years, and hope that we can count on you once again.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you at this exciting event at the “Arsenal de Montréal” on **William Street, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.**

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