

6:35 pm	ALL	<p>Guests arrive in Ballroom</p> <p>(rolling power point presentation)</p>
6:40 pm		SALADS ON TABLE
6:45 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>(live feed on screens)</p> <p>Good evening, everyone! I'm Carolyn MacKenzie, anchor of The Morning Show on Global TV, and your MC for the evening – welcome to the 20th annual Ability + Beyond Dinner, presented by Bell.</p> <p>I've had the pleasure of emceeing this event for the last several years, and it's always a wonderful night. Not only do they bring in fantastic speakers, and serve delicious meals – they also raise money for March of Dimes Canada's amazing programs. This year, we're supporting After Stroke, a national program that supports stroke survivors and caregivers as they move from hospital to home, and from home back into their communities. Stroke is something that affects an enormous number of Canadians, directly or indirectly, so I'm delighted to see you all tonight. The more money we raise, the more people we can help.</p> <p>Now, if you're able, please stand for the Canadian and American national anthems and welcome Juno and Much Music Video award-winning singer-songwriter and acclaimed soul artist, Sean Jones.</p> <p>(moves off-stage)</p>
6:50 pm	Sean Jones	NATIONAL ANTHEMS

6:52 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thank you, Sean!</p> <p>MODC has a simple goal – to create a more inclusive, accessible society for Canadians living with disabilities, including the more than 400,000 stroke survivors here in Canada.</p> <p>As many of us know from first or second-hand experience, stroke affects everyone differently. It can impact mobility, cognition, speech, emotions – any or all of these may be affected either temporarily or permanently. Stroke survivors and their caregivers have to navigate a new normal that can be challenging and overwhelming, and once they leave the hospital, they don't know where to turn.</p> <p>That's why March of Dimes Canada created After Stroke.</p> <p>After Stroke is a new model of care that supports stroke survivors, care-givers, and health care professionals on the journey from hospital back to home, and from the home back into the community. It includes a wide variety of programs and services that address the potential physical, communicative, cognitive, and emotional effects of a stroke, and encourages stroke survivors to embrace their new normal.</p> <p>March of Dimes Canada's work also includes supporting innovative research that has the potential to change lives through the annual Jonas Salk Award.</p> <p>Since 1994, March of Dimes Canada has presented this award to a Canadian scientist whose work contributes to the alleviation, elimination, or prevention of a disabling condition. The Award includes \$10,000 and acknowledges Dr. Salk's</p>
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		<p>legacy as a humanitarian as well as a scientist. The recipient is chosen by a scientific advisory committee, and I'm very pleased to now introduce the Chair of the Jonas Salk Awards Committee, and long-standing March of Dimes Canada board member, to present the 2017 Jonas Salk Award.</p> <p>Dr. Luis Barreto is President of Dr. Luis Barreto + Associates, a consultancy firm specializing in vaccine development, science policy, and global health. He is a member of key Canadian and international expert panels and advisory boards including the Council of Canadian Academies, McMaster, Maastricht, and Manipal Universities.</p> <p>Dr. Barreto became a March of Dimes Canada supporter when he was Vice President of Immunization and Science Policy at Sanofi Pasteur Ltd, and initiated their support for this award. For the last several years, he has been a member of the board of March of Dimes Canada as well as the Chair of the Salk Awards Committee. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Barreto to the stage.</p> <p>(greet Dr. Barreto then takes seat at table)</p>
6:57 pm	Dr. Luis Barreto	<p>Thank you, Carolyn.</p> <p>Each year, March of Dimes Canada presents the Jonas Salk Award to a Canadian scientist, physician, or researcher who has made a new and outstanding contribution in science or medicine to prevent, alleviate, or eliminate a physical disability. Worth \$10,000, the award honours people who are making a difference in the lives of Canadians living with disabilities.</p>

		<p>This year's Jonas Salk Award recipient is Dr. Denis Richard. Dr. Richard has been conducting research on the complex etiology of obesity for more than 30 years. Dr. Richard's research is extensive, including examining cellular mechanisms in the body that influence food intake and energy expenditure which in turn influence obesity, but also translational; his research has influenced best practices for obesity treatment in humans.</p> <p>Dr. Richard is a prolific, high-quality researcher (over 300 peer-reviewed articles, and his papers cited nearly 16,000 times) with international recognition, a director of two outstanding Canadian research centres, as well as a full time professor at the Faculty of Medicine at Université Laval. He has mentored many university students, and is a member of several professional organizations.</p> <p>Dr. Richard has demonstrated throughout his illustrious career his leadership, innovative thinking, and support for community outreach. He has consistently pushed the boundaries of high quality obesity research, supported student trainees to reach their goals, advocated for health research and education in Québec, and as Director, elevated the Quebec Heart and Lung Institute Research Center to great heights, now recognized as one of the top 20 research centers in the world. Dr. Richard is relentless and passionate in his work, which has immense impact and potential to affect the lives of those living with disabilities, and countless other Canadian lives. Congratulations on being this year's Jonas Salk Award recipient, Dr. Richard!</p> <p>(greet Dr. Richard, then takes seat at table)</p>
7:03 pm	Dr. Denis Richard	DR. RICHARD SPEAKS

7:07 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thank you, Dr. Barreto, and congratulations Dr. Richard!</p> <p>Now I'd like to introduce our principal table. Please stand when I call your name: John Stoneman – John is a partner at Kearns Edgewater Financial and is representing the chair of tonight's event, Scott Beckett, who can't be here. With him is Samantha Madigan. Peter Rummye, chair of March of Dimes Canada's Board of Directors, is here with his wife Paulette Rummye. Next are Annette and Jamie Martin. Len Baker is March of Dimes Canada's new President and CEO, and his wife Carmen Richardson is with him. Finally, tonight's keynote speaker, Mr. Mark McEwan. I'll be joining them as well.</p> <p>Dinner will be served soon, but you have a few minutes to visit our silent auction tables. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we've got lovely items up there, so don't miss out. Please remember we're here for a good cause, one that has probably touched most of us in this room, and bid high and often. You'll have until just before Mr. McEwan speaks to place your bids. You can also fill out the donation cards on your tables, which volunteers will come around and collect. Remember, the money you donate today goes towards programs and services that could touch every stroke survivor and caregiver across the country.</p> <p>Volunteers are also selling tickets for a chance to win one of five prizes. One is that amazing wine tree in the foyer, which includes \$2000 worth of Ontario wines donated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DiProfio Wines Limited • Chateau des Charmes • 13th Street Winery
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noble Estates Wine and Spirits • The Foreign Affair Winery • Rockaway Wines • Marynissen Estates Winery • Vieni Estates Inc. <p>Wine lovers, this one is for you!</p> <p>The other prizes include four pieces of luggage for four lucky winners, courtesy of Winners. One piece of luggage will include a pair of airline tickets, donated by Porter Airlines, to any of their fabulous destinations. The other three will have a \$225 hotel voucher generously donated by Egencia. Five great prizes, so you definitely want to buy tickets for a chance to win these wonderful gifts!</p> <p>And, of course, all the money you spend will enable After Stroke to support the thousands of stroke survivors and caregivers across Canada, some of whom I'm sure are with us tonight and know first-hand what that journey is like.</p> <p>Now please enjoy your dinner! (takes seat at table)</p> <p>(rolling power point presentation)</p>
7:12 pm		SALADS PULLED
7:25 pm		DINNER SERVED
		ROLLING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS THROUGHOUT DINNER
7:52 pm		DINNER PLATES PULLED

7:55 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>(live feed on screens)</p> <p>I hope you all enjoyed that delicious meal! You have a bit of time right now to visit our silent auction tables to bid on something, if you haven't yet. And if you have, then you'll want to make sure you haven't been outbid. There are some terrific items, and the money will all go to After Stroke, and make a difference to stroke survivors and caregivers across Canada. So bid often!</p> <p>And don't forget about our fantastic wine tree, valued at \$2000 featuring wine from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DiProfio Wines Limited • Chateau des Charmes • 13th Street Winery • Noble Estates Wine and Spirits • The Foreign Affair Winery • Rockaway Wines • Marynissen Estates Winery • Vieni Estates Inc. <p>Four lucky winners will also leave with a piece of luggage from Winners. One piece contains a pair of airline tickets, courtesy of Porter Airlines, to any of their amazing destinations. The other three will have a \$225 hotel voucher generously donated by Egencia. Five great prizes are up for grabs, so get your tickets now! You can buy them from our volunteers, and the more you buy the more chances</p>
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you have to win one of those prizes! Plus, all the money goes to March of Dimes Canada's After Stroke program so everyone wins.

Now I'd like to take a moment to thank all the generous sponsors who've made tonight possible, because we couldn't do it without you. Enormous thanks to:

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Please join me in a warm round of applause for our sponsors!

Now I've told you a bit about After Stroke. You've heard about how it supports stroke survivors and caregivers as they leave the hospital to go home, as they learn to navigate their new normal, and as they become active participants in their communities again. But to really understand the impact of this new model of care, you need to hear from people who have lived it.

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		AFTER STROKE VIDEO PLAYS
8:02 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>That powerful video was produced by our title sponsor, Bell Media - thank you very much for all your hard work.</p> <p>Now, please join me in welcoming one of our amazing Peers Fostering Hope volunteers, Lara Kaufman.</p> <p>(greet's Lara, then moves off-stage)</p>
8:04 pm	Lara Kaufman	<p><i>Lara speaks.</i></p> <p>As someone who's seen the impact of After Stroke on survivors and caregivers, I'm very pleased to be presenting this year's Corporate Spirit Award on behalf of March of Dimes Canada.</p> <p>This award celebrates companies that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to improving their community.</p> <p>This year, I'm thrilled to present the award to a very generous long-time partner, Dentons Canada LLP. Since 1994, Dentons has donated over \$200,000 to March of Dimes Canada, positively affecting the lives of stroke survivors and caregivers across the country.</p> <p>Dentons' commitment to good corporate citizenship is admirable, and we're proud to recognize them tonight. Congratulations to the generous people at Dentons and, on behalf of our After Stroke participants, thank you.</p>

		<p>Please join me in welcoming Blair McCreadie, Office Managing Partner with Dentons, to the stage.</p> <p>(greet Blair McCreadie, then leaves stage)</p>
8:08 pm	Blair McCreadie	<i>BLAIR SPEAKS</i>
8:10 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Another round of applause for Mr. McCreadie and Dentons for their generous support!</p> <p>Now it's your turn to support stroke survivors and caregivers across the country by bidding in our live auction. So let me introduce our auctioneer, back for the second year in a row.</p> <p>He's a media and communications professional, a 25 year veteran of the paramedic service, and an auctioneer for various charities – please welcome Brad Bowie.</p> <p>(greet Brad, then moves off-stage)</p>
8:12 pm	Brad Bowie	<p>LIVE AUCTION – 3 ITEMS</p> <p>(live auction slides – proceed manually as each item is auctioned off)</p>
8:25 pm	Brad Bowie	<p>(live feed on screens)</p> <p>Congratulations to all our winners, and thanks for supporting After Stroke! I hope you all had as much fun as I did.</p>

		<p>If you weren't lucky enough to snag one of our live auction items, there's still our silent auction – bidding is open for another 20 minutes, so get over to the auction tables. If you've already placed a bid, go back to make sure you haven't been outbid - you don't want to lose out. Remember – the money is going to a great cause!</p> <p>My job here is done, so I'm going to turn the mic back over to Carolyn.</p> <p>(Brad takes seat at table)</p>
8:27 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thank you, Brad – a round of applause for our auctioneer, Brad Bowie!</p> <p>That brings us to dessert now and, as Brad mentioned, your last chance to get in on the silent auction. It's going to close soon, so get over there and place your bids!</p> <p>You can also support After Stroke, and the thousands of stroke survivors and caregivers across the country, by filling out the donation cards on your tables – a volunteer will be by to collect them.</p> <p>You can also still buy tickets for a chance to win either a fabulous wine tree, featuring \$2000 worth of Ontario wines, as well as those four pieces of luggage, one of which includes a pair of Porter airline tickets. The other three contain \$225 hotel vouchers from Egencia. Five great prizes, so make sure you buy tickets from our volunteers.</p> <p>Remember: the money you raise here tonight is going to help stroke survivors and caregivers thrive after stroke.</p>

		<p>If you've been to an Ability and Beyond dinner before, you'll know that one of our traditions is to give away the centerpiece at each table to the person whose birthday is closest to that of our keynote speaker. Mr. McEwan was born on September 16, so take a minute to figure out who gets to take home the centerpiece at your table.</p> <p>Now, please enjoy your dessert. We'll welcome our keynote speaker, Mark McEwan, to the stage at 8:35 pm. (Carolyn to adjust time if necessary)</p> <p>(takes seat at table)</p> <p>(rolling power point presentation)</p>
		DESSERT SERVED
8:35 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>(live feed on screens)</p> <p>Our silent auction is now closed, everyone. Thank you to all of our bidders, and please check to see if you won anything before you leave this evening.</p> <p>Now please welcome Michael Cole, Executive Vice-President and Chief Information Officer of our title sponsor, Bell Media, and an officer on the Board of March of Dimes Canada, to introduce our speaker.</p> <p>(greet Michael, then takes seat at table)</p>
8:37 pm	Michael Cole	Thank you, Carolyn.

		<p>I'm so pleased to introduce this year's keynote speaker, because his story really demonstrates the crucial importance of programs like After Stroke. (Michael, you can add a personal note if you like)</p> <p>CBS journalist and popular television news personality, Mark McEwen served for many years in a variety of high profile positions, including anchoring "CBS This Morning" and as entertainment reporter for "The Early Show." He was also a correspondent on the CBS News show, "48 Hours."</p> <p>He's interviewed prominent newsmakers like Bill Clinton, Steven Spielberg, Sidney Poitier, and Muhammad Ali, and covered everything from the Oscars and the Grammy Awards to three Winter Olympics. He even ran with the Olympic torch in Nagano.</p> <p>In 2005, Mark suffered a stroke. He turned that experience into a book entitled "<i>After The Stroke: My Journey Back To Life</i>," which was nominated for the prestigious "<i>Books For a Better Life</i>" award.</p> <p>Since then, Mark has served as Ambassador for the American Heart Association's "<i>Power To End Stroke</i>" campaign, hosted the National Stroke Association's first annual RAISE (Recognizing Awareness in Stroke Excellence) awards in 2011, and spoke at the 2018 International Stroke Conference in 2018.</p> <p>Please join me in welcoming journalist, stroke survivor, and advocate Mark McEwan.</p> <p>(MICHAEL GREETES MR. MCEWAN THEN TAKES SEAT AT TABLE)</p>
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8:40 pm	Mark McEwan	PRESENTATION (35 mins + 5 min Q+A)
9:20 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thank you, Mr. McEwan.</p> <p>Mark, if you could stay on stage for a moment, I'm going to John Stoneman up to make a special presentation on behalf of our Ability & Beyond Dinner chair Scott Beckett. (greet John, then moves to side of stage)</p>
9:22 pm	John Stoneman	<p><i>(suggested speaking points – John feel free to add personal observations)</i></p> <p>Mark, thanks so much for being here with us tonight. It's been powerful to hear from someone like yourself who embodies the goal and focus of our After Stroke program.</p> <p>Your advocacy fits perfectly with March of Dimes Canada's own advocacy efforts, and demonstrates the impact that committed advocates can have.</p> <p>Here is a small gift from us to you as a souvenir of tonight, and our thanks for your support.</p> <p>(presents Mr. McEwan with plaque)</p>
9:25 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Another round of applause for Mr. McEwan!</p> <p>(display Porter slide)</p> <p>And now it's time to draw the winning tickets for our door prizes. I'd like to invite Lawrence Hughes to join me on-stage to draw the winning tickets for our luggage pieces, Porter Airline tickets, and Egencia hotel vouchers. Mr. Hughes is Porter</p>

		<p>Airlines' Senior Vice-President of People and Culture for Porter Airlines - please help me welcome him to the stage.</p> <p>(Lawrence Hughes joins Carolyn on-stage)</p>
9:27 pm	Lawrence Hughes	<p>Thanks, Carolyn. I'm so pleased to be back at the Ability and Beyond Dinner on behalf of Porter Airlines. Porter is proud to sponsor of this terrific event, and to draw the winning tickets for these four pieces of high-quality luggage, two Porter Airline tickets, and three \$225 dollar hotel vouchers from Egencia. Now let's find out who the lucky ticket holders are!</p> <p>(Draws the 4 winning tickets. Volunteers run to winners and ask which colour they'd like and bring it to table. Winners open luggage at the same time to find out who got the tickets and vouchers.)</p> <p>Congratulations!</p> <p>(returns to table)</p>
9:30 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thank you, Lawrence!</p> <p>(display wine tree slide)</p> <p>And now to draw the winning ticket for our wine tree, please welcome the owner of 13th Street Winery, and our very generous wine sponsor this evening, Karen Whitty!</p>
9:32 pm	Karen Whitty	<p>Thanks, Carolyn! It's been a fantastic evening, and I can't wait to find out who won this wine tree. It features \$2000 worth of Ontario wines from:</p>

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9:35 pm	Carolyn MacKenzie	<p>Thanks, Lawrence and Karen!</p> <p>Now After Stroke is just one of the amazing programs offered by March of Dimes Canada. There are many others that fit into MODC's ambitious strategic vision for the next few years, and I'd like to invite the new President and CEO, Leonard Baker up to say a few words about that</p> <p>Please welcome Len Baker to the stage at his very first Ability and Beyond dinner!</p> <p>(greet Len and remains on-stage)</p>

9:37 pm	Len Baker	<p>Thank you so much, Carolyn. A hand for our wonderful MC, Carolyn MacKenzie! I'd like to give you this small token of our thanks, and I look forward to having you emcee next year's event. (presents gift)</p> <p>As Carolyn mentioned, this is my first Ability and Beyond dinner, and I'm amazed by the amount of work that's gone into organizing the evening.</p> <p>Thanks to the volunteer organizing committee of this year's Ability and Beyond Dinner, the chair Scott Beckett, who couldn't be here tonight, and committee members Michael Cole, Eric Lo, Faisal Saeed, Luis Barretto, and John Stoneman. Volunteers are crucial to March of Dimes Canada, and this event, so a big hand for our volunteers.</p> <p>(presents gift to John)</p> <p>(John and Carolyn return to seats at table.)</p> <p>Thanks, as well, to our dedicated and engaged board members for their overwhelming support of this event, and their hard work all year long.</p> <p>And our generous sponsors. Thank you to:</p> <p>Title Sponsor: Bell Media Print Sponsor: Toronto Sun Hotel Sponsor: Fairmont Royal York AV Sponsor: PSAV Media Sponsor: Global News</p>
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		And that brings us to the end of our evening. I hope you enjoyed yourselves, please get home safely, and good night!
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