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# Oolagen welcomes Honourary Patrons Colin Mochrie and Debra McGrath

Left: Caroline Sneath of Oolagen with William Lyon MacKenzie Collegiate students Tina Lao, Anne Lor and Shahida Hoque holding the Youth & Philanthropy Initiative donation.

Below: Colin Mochrie and Debra McGrath at Patti Andrews's soiree.



## William Lyon MacKenzie Collegiate Institute wins a \$5,000 grant for Oolagen

In April 2009 Oolagen President Patti Andrews hosted a Spring Soiree at her lovely Toronto home to introduce two very special people to Oolagen Board members, management, staff and key donors.

Colin Mochrie—a master of improvisational comedy and well known and loved for his stage work at Second City, the hilarious television programs *Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader* and *Whose Line Is It Anyway*, and countless guest appearances and commercials—and his wife, Debra McGrath, instantly recognizable as Mayor Popovitch on CBC's *Little Mosque on the Prairie*—are carving out time from their hectic schedules to promote and raise awareness of Oolagen.

During their address to our delighted group, Colin said, “Debra and I are honoured to be chosen as Patrons. We look forward to helping Oolagen expand the profile of the very important work they do with at-risk youth in our community.” [Welcome to Oolagen Colin and Deb! Here's to a long and happy partnership!](#)

The Toskan Casale Foundation launched the Youth & Philanthropy Initiative in 2002. Created for Grade 9 and 10 high school students, the goal is to learn the fundamentals of philanthropy. By the conclusion of the program, participants know the difference between a foundation and an operating charity and how these organizations should operate with respect to finances, ethics and accountability.

Student teams select a social service sector charity, thoroughly research it and complete a site visit. Then they prepare a proposal and request for funding. Each student team makes a presentation about the charity to their class. One proposal is selected to represent that class in an intramural competition. Finally, each class team presents their charity proposal to an independent judging panel.

Oolagen is proud and honoured to be the charity of choice at William Lyon MacKenzie Collegiate, and to win a \$5,000 grant!