

Microtel is the major sponsor of Envision's silver anniversary

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Participating in a cheque presentation were, back row, from left, Estevan Microtel staff members Gail Malloy, Tianna Threinen and Mike Martel, front, Mary Abalayan, Jean Mujer, Jasmin Dionisio, Microtel regional general manager Lorna Knoll, the associate executive director with Envision Counselling and Support Centre Lynda Rideout and Envision resource development co-ordinator Tania Hlohovsky Andrist. Photo by Anastasiia Bykhovskaia

Microtel Inn & Suites regional general manager Lorna Knoll presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Envision Counselling and Support Centre on April 1.

"We are so thrilled to introduce our presenting sponsor of Microtel Hotels... It is such a great partnership and we are so, so pleased that they came in and really gave us a boost," said Tania Hlohovsky Andrist, resource development co-ordinator with Envision at the cheque presentation ceremony.

Both Estevan and Weyburn Microtels are sponsoring the Envision's silver anniversary that will take place in both cities in May.

"It was the first company or business that we approached to sponsor this event because it was such a nice fit. They have a hotel in Estevan and ... in Weyburn, and we have offices all over the southeast," said Hlohovsky Andrist.

"We are really excited to be a part of this for both locations, for Weyburn and Estevan. Envision really has the same vision and the same core values that we do, which is health in communities that we live in. And that's really important to not only the Microtel but also to Masterbuilt hotels as well," said Knoll.

To mark their 25 years of serving southeast communities, Envision found a strong and resonating speaker, who also is very relevant for the region. NHL alumni Theoren Fleury will be presenting at Envision's silver anniversary luncheon on May 16 in Estevan.

Born in Oxbow, Fleury is now also the Victor Walk organizer who helps trauma survivors, and on May 15, he will facilitate a professional trauma workshop for those who work in the field and who want to be inspired and re-energized. The workshop will take place in Weyburn.

"We want to acknowledge the impacts that we've made, and that's why we want to connect with people who've been already impacted by the healing effects or by the positive things that have happened by coming to Envision Counselling," said Hlohovsky Andrist.

The money provided by Microtel will go towards the celebration and will help to make the luncheon accessible for the entire community. The event is not a fundraiser for Envision, but an opportunity to celebrate the organization, to recognize all the people that have been impacted over 25 years and to give the community a gift of a speaker.

It wasn't the first time Microtel has strongly supported Envision, and Hlohovsky Andrist also believes this partnership is built on similarities in their visions.

"People in Microtel, they absolutely believe in what we do and they believe in long-term affects of the counselling and support for individuals so people can live happier and healthier lives. And that's what we are trying to do here at Envision," said Hlohovsky Andrist.

Registration for the workshop opened in March, and the tickets for the silver anniversary luncheon go on sale on April 1. They are available at Pharmasave in Estevan and Weyburn. The tickets are \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight.

"We wanted to keep the price low, so that people could come, could just buy a ticket. It's a community lunch, it's not a big ticket fundraiser and it's just for members of the community to come in and have the chance to hear him (Fleury)," said Hlohovsky Andrist.