



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Lung Cancer Canada on the 10th Anniversary of your 'Evening of Hope Gala'. While this year's celebration will not be a physical gathering, more than ever before, it is important for each of us to help spread the message of 'hope' in every area of our lives.

Lung cancer is the most-commonly diagnosed cancer in our country, with one of the lowest survival rates. In Newfoundland and Labrador alone, it is predicted that some 510 individuals will be diagnosed this year, and of that number 420 will die. These predictions are quite alarming when you consider we have a population of just over 500,000 people.

I commend your organization for advocating to increase lung cancer awareness, and for developing and providing patient and caregiver education while increasing lung cancer literacy amongst the Canadian public.

So, as you virtually gather Canadians from coast to coast, sharing stories and messages of hope, survivorship, scientific research and progress, I wish you success in your fundraising and awareness efforts. We may be living in unprecedented times, but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate and enjoy an entertaining evening for a great cause.

Sincerely,

Hon. Dr. Andrew Furey
Premier