

# Cancer foundation's campaign gets \$1.8M boost from Maplesoft Group

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A \$50-million campaign by the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation to raise money for cancer projects and priorities in the Ottawa community got a \$1.8-million boost Tuesday.

Maplesoft Group made a donation to the cancer foundation's 2010 Courage Campaign yesterday, bringing the campaign total to \$29.3 million.

The \$50 million will go towards funding gaps in the cancer care system by providing close-to-home care, shortening wait times for diagnosis and treatment, funding cancer research and innovative therapies and improve the quality of life of cancer patients and caregivers.

In the past, the campaign has supported the construction of the Greenberg Family Cancer Centre and funded 25 per cent of the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.

"As a cancer survivor, I know firsthand the importance of investing in cancer research projects right here in our own community," said Courage Campaign leader Peter Charbonneau. "By supporting our local scientists and researchers, we are giving local patients the opportunity to access to the very latest treatments and new therapies."