



Rogers Cable president and CEO Edward Rogers with wife Suzanne



Maple Leafs forward Darcy Tucker and wife Shannon Corson

SILVER SOIREE

It takes a lot to silence 800 people over dinner – especially after a lively and liberal cocktail hour – but a hush fell over Toronto’s Liberty Grand ballroom as Lauren Donnelly took to the podium on April 12. The eloquent 17-year-old elicited tears as she detailed her battle with leukemia, and laughter when she announced that her peacock-blue prom dress was getting a test drive. Lauren was one of several speakers to demonstrate and celebrate the courage of children with cancer at the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)’s 25th anniversary gala. Slinkily attired guests dined on gourmet cuisine and danced past 1 a.m. to a live band and disco. Thanks to generous benefactors plus lavish auctions, the glittering cause is expected to net \$400,000 this year. – ALISON EASTWOOD



L to R: POGO's fundraising director (and childhood cancer survivor) Vanessa Yakobson with emcee Anne-Marie Mediwake of Global TV and gala co-chair Dimitra Davidson



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Cancer survivor and guest speaker Lauren Donnelly (R) with friend Jessica Campbell