

# Cancer clinic cashes in

## Yard sale, raffle brings in \$2K

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Hundreds of Calgarians opened their hearts and wallets yesterday to help establish the city's first high-risk breast health clinic.

The In the Pink Raffle and Yard Sale, held at the Banff Trail Community Centre at 2115 20 Ave. N.W. saw shoppers snap up new and used items, with all proceeds donated to this fall's launch of a cutting-edge facility for women at

higher risk of breast cancer. Calgary Health Trust development officer Trish Weatherup said the city currently does not have a program

focused on prevention, strategies and routine screening, despite the fact one in nine women will be diagnosed with the disease.

"This is a way to detect it early and have a much better outcome," she said.

Yesterday's event raised \$2,000 and was organized by the local branch of the Canadian Progress Club, which to date has raised a

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Calgary Stampede guard Derek Armstrong meets Jasarra Shea, 4, during the In the Pink Raffle and Yard Sale at the Banff Trail Community Centre yesterday. All proceeds are going to the Calgary Health Trust to help establish a high-risk breast health clinic in Calgary.

total of \$40,000 for pilot program.

The clinic, which will be a part of the Calgary Health Region's Breast Health Program, will be housed at the Women's Health Centre in

Foothills hospital.

As someone with a personal connection to the cause, Calgary Stampede guard Derek Armstrong showed his support at the community initiative by signing autographs

and meeting fans.

"Like many families in society today, our family has directly been affected by cancer," he said.

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