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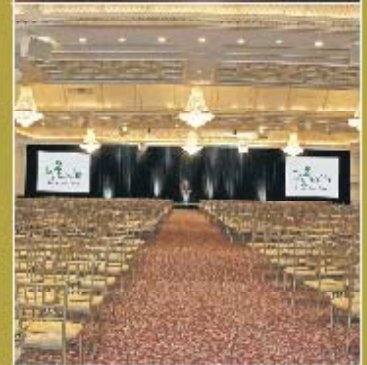


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## From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

## FUNdraising season is in full swing this spring and summer!

As we continue the celebration of our 15th Anniversary, HOToronto Magazine in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continue to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles. This addition of GALAvanting to the roster is the third edition to date and the response has been overwhelming. Finally our readers have a magazine dedicated to one of our famous pastimes - fundraising. This online publication, available as a free download or free subscription, is designed to be of interest to the consumer and trade sectors alike. We have compiled for you, a list of galas, balls, events, golf tournaments and basically anything that puts the FUN into FUNdraising.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering such galas for more than a dozen years, and each year there are more and more such events popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA. For most, it is hard to keep up with the variety of gala events that want us to attend and support their particular cause. All of them worthy of consideration.

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## SPOTLIGHT EVENT



**Thursday, May 21**  
**STING, SHERYL CROW**  
**& THE CANADIAN TENORS**  
**TO PERFORM AT SUNNYBROOK'S**  
**ONE NIGHT LIVE™**  
**CHRIS NOTH HOSTS CONCERT**  
**BENEFITING THE**  
**WOMEN & BABIES PROGRAM**

Sunnybrook Foundation today announced that international recording artists Sting, Sheryl Crow and The Canadian Tenors will perform at One Night Live™, presented by Sun Life Financial, on Thursday, May 21. Now in its second year, the concert will be held at the Air Canada Centre, and hosted by Sex and the City's "Mr. Big", Chris Noth. "We are thrilled that such mega star talent have thrown their support behind Sunnybrook's Women & Babies Program," said Kevin Goldthorp, Chief Executive Officer of Sunnybrook Foundation. "All of the proceeds raised by the concert will assist in building a new state-of-the-art home for our Women & Babies Program and help Sunnybrook continue to provide the very best care for our smallest patients and their mothers, when it matters most." Tickets for One Night Live™ are now on sale. Ticket prices start at \$99 and can be purchased online at [www.onenightlive.ca](http://www.onenightlive.ca) or through Ticketmaster. The money raised will support the construction of the province's most advanced facility for births and high-risk pregnancies. The critical care unit for premature babies, which cares for more of Ontario's most vulnerable babies than any other hospital, will be five times larger than the current facility.



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## ART WITH HEART

October 2009

### The Carlu

In support of Casey House

An exciting opportunity to take home a significant piece of art while helping people with HIV/AIDS in our community. Over its 15-year history *Art with Heart* has earned a strong reputation for presenting some of Canada's finest established contemporary artists as well as emerging artists whose careers are on the rise. This year's catalogue includes works by dozens of significant artists including Harold Town, James Lahey, Greg Girard, Douglas Coupland, Edward Burtynsky, Attila Richard Lukacs, Katie Pretti, Angela Leach, BGL, Nick Ostoff, Michael Awad and Royal Art Lodge.

[www.artwithheart.ca](http://www.artwithheart.ca)

## BARBADOS CHARITY BALL

"Sunset In Barbados - Indulge Your Senses" June 13

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
In support of Scholarships and HIV Aids  
The 6th Annual Barbados Charity Ball will be held on June 13th 2009 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre under the theme *Sunset in Barbados, Indulge Your Senses*. This formal event includes a pre-Dinner reception, four-course dinner, live entertainment, dancing, an award presentation, live and silent auctions and a midnight sweet table.  
[www.barbadosballcanada.com](http://www.barbadosballcanada.com)

## BELL CELEBRITY GALA

October 8

### Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of SickKids Foundation  
Once Upon a Time will take you on a journey into the Enchanted Forest. Take

the Path to Grandma's House and escape Through the Looking Glass to the other side awaits your Storybook Rock fantasy. Here you'll experience our very own version of Bedtime Stories with a twist of drama and enchantment. Discover the magic, as the Enchanted Forest cocktail reception awaits you, complete with a Storybook Rock fantasy that includes live musical performances. End the night at our Sweet Dreams after party - all in support of SickKids Foundation [www.bellgala.ca](http://www.bellgala.ca)

## BID ON THE BOYS

May 29

### The Paramount in Vaughan

617-379-9509

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

Now in its 10th year, this prestigious event is set to raise over \$200,000 for a new beneficiary, Willow Breast Cancer Support Canada. Willow provides immediate assistance to women with breast cancer. Situated in the elegant surroundings of the Paramount, guests are treated to a welcome reception, featuring both oyster and martini bars. Even the fashionably late won't want to miss the introduction of the stellar line-up of bachelors. There will be plenty of entertainment throughout the five-course dinner, including a raffle and silent auction. The evening's highlight will be the bachelor auction, where each of these scrumptious boys will unveil a fantastic prize package. Sorry ladies, you can only take the prizes home!  
[www.bidontheboys.ca](http://www.bidontheboys.ca)

## BIG NIGHT OUT

June 4

### Liberty Grand

416-925-8981 Ext. 4138

In support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto

A special evening celebrating the people who make a difference in the lives of so many children and youth in our community. Enjoy a wonderful evening featuring silent and live auctions, gourmet dinner and fabulous entertainment.

[www.bbbst.com](http://www.bbbst.com)

## BLACK AND WHITE GALA

Date TBA

### Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street

In support of Design Exchange youth education programs

[www.dx.org](http://www.dx.org)

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## **BOYS NIGHT OUT**

**July 9**

### **Fermenting Cellar, Historic Distillery District**

In support of Prostate Cancer Research at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Hosted by Lifford Wine Agency. Presenting Sponsor - Harry Rosen. Hot cars, boats, golf, fine wine, steaks, live entertainment, oysters, motorcycles, music, celebs, bbq, auctions, and much, much more – this is the stuff of Boys' Night Out! Call (416) 440-4101.

[www.liffordwine.com](http://www.liffordwine.com)

## **BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS**

**November**

### **Various Dinner Locations, After Party at The ROM**

In support of CANFAR

[www.canfar.ca](http://www.canfar.ca)

## **BUTTERFLY BALL**

### **“GET READY TO ASSEMBLE”**

**May 21**

#### **Four Seasons Hotel**

416-515-1100

In support of BOOST For Kids

This annual major fundraising event supports the work BOOST does for children at risk in our community. BOOST offers specialized programs to the thousands of children each year.

[www.boostforkids.org](http://www.boostforkids.org)

## **THE CHOCOLATE BALL**

### **“CHOC ‘N ROLL”**

**October 23**

#### **Palais Royale Ballroom**

416-923-4686

In support of the Ava Rose Fund - SickKids *Choc 'n' roll* is a step back in time to the 50's and 60's era. This is the Original Chocolate Gala powered by Chocolate. It's where chocolate is not the theme but the event. The night will start off with specialized chocolate infused coco d'oeuvres served at several food stations. The highlight of the evening will be the infamous Chocolate Buffet packed with a wide variety of chocolate desserts and Chocolate Stations – a feast for the gods! Also back again is the grand Silent Auction ....plus draws and raffles. Door Prize: WIN a counter top juke box. Come dressed for the occasion in your best 50's or 60's costume You could win the prize for the best single or couple! The Chocolate Ball is the signature event of ChocolateFest 2009, the Toronto Chocolate Festival. [www.TheChocolateBall.com](http://www.TheChocolateBall.com)  
[www.ChocolateFestivalWeek.com](http://www.ChocolateFestivalWeek.com)

## **THE CRYSTAL BALL**

**November 21**

### **Congress Centre**

In support of Reach For The Rainbow

The event includes a V.I.P. champagne reception, fabulous fantasy-theme décor, fine din-

ing: four-course gourmet dinner with wine and liqueurs, a computerized silent auction featuring over 200 of the finest vacations and hottest products, gifts and services. It will also feature over 3,500 in fabulous balloon bust, a spectacular live auction offering fantasy vacations and three of BMW's latest additions to their line of luxury vehicles and a live performance by Mary Wilson of the Supremes.

[www.reachfortherainbow.ca](http://www.reachfortherainbow.ca)

## **DA VINCI GALA**

**May 27**

### **La Primavera Convention Centre**

77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan

416-586-8203 ext. 8749

In support of Mildred Sonshine Family Centre for Head and Neck Diseases.

The gala dinner includes a silent auction, as well as live entertainment. .

[www.davincigala.com](http://www.davincigala.com)

## **EARTH DAY 2009 GALA**

**June 10**

Drake Hotel, 1150 Queen Street West

Held in cooperation with Earth Day Canada, the charity educates Canadians on how to treat the environment kindly, and includes an awards ceremony that celebrates the contributions of Canadians servicing the earth.

[www.earthday.ca](http://www.earthday.ca)

## **EASTER SEALS TRIBUTE GALA**

**June 10**

### **Four Seasons Hotel**

In support of Easter Seals

Easter Seals Ontario is proud to announce that Easter Seals Toronto's Tribute is a prestigious award recognizing an individual's life-long commitment to business excellence and community service.

Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair of TD Bank Financial Group and Patrick Dillon, Business Manager and Secretary Treasurer of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario, will be the 2009 recipients of the prestigious Easter Seals Toronto's Tribute Award

[www.easterseals.org](http://www.easterseals.org)

## **EAT TO THE BEAT**

**October 6**

### **Roy Thomson Hall**

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

[www.eattothebeat.ca](http://www.eattothebeat.ca)

## **FEAST FOR THE PALATE**

**June 15**

Royal Ambassador Event Centre, Caledon

In support of Family Transition Place  
The beautiful Caledon Hills will come alive with the pure enjoyment of sumptuous food and drink at the Feast for the Palate, featuring the Chef's Challenge. Chefs and caterers will showcase their signature dishes in a celebration

of the culinary senses. Joining the preferred list of culinary specialists will be a select group of wineries, providing an evening to sip and savour the fabulous gourmet specialties of the region.

[www.feastforthepalate.com](http://www.feastforthepalate.com)

## **KNOCK OUT CANCER**

**Spring Date TBA**

### **On The Park (formerly Inn On The Park)**

1095 Leslie Street

416-946-2353

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Fund  
A one of a kind sporting event combining the excitement of International Boxing, with a fabulous dinner, open bar, great jazz, shooter girls and more. Help support our future Olympic Boxers as they host England in the beginning of their ascent to the London Games. This event will provide a venue for athletes to showcase talent, while gaining needed international experience in fully sanctioned bouts.

[www.knockoutcancer.ca](http://www.knockoutcancer.ca)

## **OPERATION**

**February 26, 2010**

Canadian Opera Company

416-306-2305, Sarah Jarvis

In support of the outreach programs of the Canadian Opera Company

[www.coc.ca](http://www.coc.ca)

## **QUEEN STREET UNMASKED**

**October 14**

### **The Drake Hotel**

416-599-2550, Marion Hart

In support of the CAMH foundation  
The CAMH Foundation will host the highly anticipated Queen Street Unmasked event in support of the redevelopment of the CAMH Queen Street facilities.

[www.supportcamh.ca](http://www.supportcamh.ca)

## **THE PINK BEDROOM PARTY**

**October 1**

### **Berkeley Church, 315 Queen St. E.**

In support of the Campbell Family Cancer Research Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital  
[www.pinkbedroomparty.com](http://www.pinkbedroomparty.com)

## **RAINBOW BALL 2009**

**September 25**

### **Mississauga Convention Centre**

In support of the Kathy Drury Charitable Foundation

[www.cfofm.org](http://www.cfofm.org)

## **TEDDY BEAR AFFAIR**

**November**

### **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

In support of the Childrens Aid Foundation

[www.casmt.on.ca](http://www.casmt.on.ca)

**TICKLED PINK: HEART OF FASHION**  
**November 22**

**Bayview Village Shopping Centre,  
2901 Bayview Avenue at Sheppard Avenue**  
416-756-6800, Lisa Anketell

In support of North York General Hospital's  
BMO Financial Group Breast Diagnostic  
Centre

This year's event is promising to be big-  
ger and better than ever before. In the past 8  
years *Heart of Fashion* has raised more than  
\$1 million in support of North York General  
Hospital's BMO Financial Group Breast Diag-  
nostic Centre.

[www.nygh.on.ca](http://www.nygh.on.ca)

**TORONTO TASTE**

**June 14**

In support of Second Harvest

As the original, must-attend event for gour-  
mands, Toronto Taste offers guests succulent  
food prepared by over 50 of the city's finest  
chefs and delicious beverages provided by 30  
top vintners. This one-night gourmet graze,  
which kicks off the summer season, is an un-  
forgettable evening of glamour, indulgence and  
extravagance in support of Second Harvest.

[www.torontotaste.ca](http://www.torontotaste.ca)

**THE VENETIAN BALL**

**October 30**

**Toronto Convention Centre**

In support of Villa Charities Foundation  
The wonderment and mystery of Venetian  
Carnevale will once again take centre stage  
at the 2009 Venetian Ball, which promises  
to continue the tradition of this centuries-old  
celebration with a modern day twist. You can  
expect fabulous masks, delectable food & drink  
and entertainment that will keep you dancing  
all night long.

[www.villacharities.com](http://www.villacharities.com)

**VILLA CHARITIES FOUNDATION  
FATHER AND SON DINNER**

**June 17**

**Sala Caboto – Villa Colombo**

All proceeds to Villa Charities Foundation.  
Just in time for Father's Day, Villa Charities  
Foundation presents its newest event – an  
enjoyable, relaxing evening of good food and  
good company that celebrates the special bond  
between father and son with special guest  
Gordie Howe. Details coming soon.

**THE WRITERS' TRUST GALA  
"A LITERARY PERSUIT"**

**November 5**

**Four Seasons Hotel**

416-504-8222 XT. 243

In support of Writers' Trust

The Writers' Trust Gala is a true celebration  
of Canadian writers with an author seated as  
the guest of honour at every table. Guests will  
enjoy a cocktail reception, with passed hors  
d'oeuvres and a host bar, before dining on a de-  
lectable three-course meal prepared by talented

hotel chefs. During dinner guests will play a  
literary game that pits table against table. As in  
years past, a friendly spirit of competition will  
enliven the evening as devoted book-lovers  
compete in a quiz of literary trivia.

[www.writerstrust.com](http://www.writerstrust.com)

**FUNDRAISERS**

**BECEL HEART AND STROKE RIDE FOR  
HEART**

**June 7**

Ride the DVP traffic-free for a great cause.  
Let's ride together and raise millions for life-  
saving heart and stroke research.

[www.rideforheart.ca](http://www.rideforheart.ca)

**NEWZAPALOOZA**

**June 5**

**Opera House, 735 Queen St. E.**

In support of Children's Aid Foundation  
Newzapalooza, the battle of the media bands,  
is back from a one-year hiatus (rehab, don't  
ask) and will once again be raising cold hard  
cash for the Children's Aid Foundation.  
Join the celebrity judges Mark Breslin,  
Farley Flex and Geri Hall.

**PEDDLE AGAINST CANCER**

**August 22**

In support of Cancer Research at Princess  
Margaret Hospital

Pedal Against Cancer is a national cycling  
fundraiser organized by Montreal non-profit  
group Dana International. Riders must raise  
a minimum of \$400 to participate, and can  
choose to ride the distance of their choice rang-  
ing from 40 km to 160 km making it suitable  
for cyclists of all abilities.

[www.pedalagainstcancer.ca](http://www.pedalagainstcancer.ca)

**SCRUBS IN THE CITY**

**May 28**

**The Solarium at Polson Pier, 11 Polson St.**

In support of SickKids

Event featuring live musical performance by  
Chantal Kreviazuk

**SPARK '09 - ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR  
FUTURE POSIBILITIES FOR KIDS**

**June 18**

**Revival, 783 College Street West**

905-707-7007, Geri Berholz

Featuring a live performance by hit Canadian  
band, God Made Me Funky and an evening  
of fun, energy, music, auctions, DJ, dancing,  
complimentary beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and  
more. Dress code: Vibrant

[www.fpcanada.org](http://www.fpcanada.org)

**THE CANADIAN TENORS**

**@ THE MARKHAM THEATRE**

**December 18-19**

905-305-SHOW (7469).

Show only Tickets: \$65 plus GST Show: 8:00  
p.m. Exclusive Pre-Show Dinner & Show:  
\$125 plus GST. The event includes a five-

course dinner and a pre-show appearance by  
the Canadian Tenors.

[www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca)

**11TH ANNUAL TORONTO FIRE  
FIGHTER CALENDAR COMPETITION**

**June 18**

**XS Nightclub and Event Centre**

In support of the Fire Fighters' Cancer Re-  
search Fund at Princess Margaret Hospital.  
Catch the heat in person as Toronto's hottest  
firefighters step onto the catwalk. Join well  
know TV personalities as they cast their votes  
to determine which local heroes will grace the  
pages of the 2010 Toronto Fire Fighter Calen-  
dar. Advance tickets are \$25.

[www.torontoffc.ca](http://www.torontoffc.ca)

**TORONTO RIBFEST**

**July 1**

**Centennial Park, Etobicoke**

In support of community charitable  
organizations.

The Toronto Ribfest attracts more than 100,000  
visitors each year. Presented by the Rotary  
Club of Etobicoke, the fest lures folks in with  
live music, succulent ribs, beer tents arts and  
crafts show as well as carnival rides, a climbing  
wall and pony rides for the kids. The Canada  
Day party includes a citizenship ceremony,  
live music, fireworks and food vendors selling  
barbeque ribs. Live entertainment is provided  
by George Linton - the wandering musical  
clown and banjo player, the Slime Dogs, Skip  
Tracer and New Hollywood. The Canada Day  
festivities finish off with a lively fireworks  
display at night.

**GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

**12th ANNUAL BMW ULTIMATE GOLF  
CHARITY CHALLENGE**

**July 28**

In support of Reach for the Rainbow

The BMW Ultimate Golf Charity Challenge  
raises significant dollars for Reach for the  
Rainbow and offers a unique experience to  
everyone, from sponsors to golfers alike. You  
will be one of the 96 privileged amateur golfers  
following the footsteps of some of the greatest  
players of our time. The BMW Ultimate Golf  
Charity Challenge provides players with star  
treatment that would normally be reserved  
for professionals. From the Chauffeur-driven  
limousine service to a BMW Vehicle as a Clos-  
est-to-the-Pin Prize, the BMW Ultimate Golf  
Charity Challenge is for the golfers who want  
to think, play and win like the pros.

416-503-0088

[www.reachfortherainbow.ca](http://www.reachfortherainbow.ca)

**BRIDGEPOINT GOLF CLASSIC**

**June 23**

**Angus Glen Golf Club, South Course**

416-461-8252 Ext. 2247

In support of Bridgepoint Health Foundation  
Golfing for a great cause! Our annual golf  
tournament supports Bridgepoint's pioneer-



ing work in the treatment and prevention of Complex Chronic Disease. Led by hockey legend Bobby Baun as its Honorary Chair, last year's tournament was our most successful ever, raising \$100,000 for Bridgepoint Health. This year another great hockey star, Ron Ellis, joins Bobby Baun as Honorary Co-Chair. This is your chance to match your skills on the golf course with these hockey legends. A great day of golf: 6:30 am - Registration & Breakfast 7:45 am - Shotgun Start 1:00 pm - Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction 1:30 pm - Lunch & Awards Presentation  
[www.bridgepointhealthfoundation.ca](http://www.bridgepointhealthfoundation.ca)

#### **CFP CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**

**June 9**

##### **Lionhead Golf Club**

905.997.3238.

In association with the Canadian foundation for pharmacy  
[www.cfpnet.ca](http://www.cfpnet.ca)

#### **5th Annual DICK ALDRIDGE CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC (DACGC)**

**JULY 21**

##### **EMERALD HILLS GOLF CLUB**

In support of Pancreatic Cancer

The DACGC is held in memory of the late Toronto Argonaut, Dick Aldridge, A \$200 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, bbq lunch, dinner, player gift and a silent auction. Proceeds support early detection research at Princess Margaret. Contact Betty Aldridge for more information @ 1-888-pancan9  
[www.pancreaticcancercanada.ca](http://www.pancreaticcancercanada.ca)

#### **DAVE WILSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**September 13**

**11:00 am to 7:30 pm**

##### **Bushwood Golf and Country Club, Markham**

In support the Wharton Head and Neck Centre at Princess Margaret Hospital. Registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, power cart, meal and a donation to the Wharton Fund. Contact Stephanie Howard or Peter Perrin at [perrin.howard@gmail.com](mailto:perrin.howard@gmail.com), or by calling 416-484-8313 to register.

#### **EAST YORK OLD BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**August 24**

##### **Summit Golf and Country Club**

416-469-6003

In support of Toronto East General Hospital  
[www.tegh.on.ca](http://www.tegh.on.ca)

#### **GOLF CLASSIC 2009**

**June 16**

##### **Angus Glen Golf Club**

416-469-6003

In support of Toronto East General Hospital  
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#### **JENNIFER ASHLEIGH CHILDREN'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**

**July 8**

Wyndance Golf Club, Uxbridge

905-649-8545

[www.jenniferashleigh.org](http://www.jenniferashleigh.org)

#### **KELLY SILVERSTEIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**June 1**

**10:00 am**

##### **Royal Woodbine Golf & Country Club**

Proceeds support "The Kelly Silverstein Fellowship" at Princess Margaret Hospital which helps fund Leukemia Research. For information or to register contact Michael "Rocky" Rothfeld at (416) 507-9800  
<http://kellysilverstein.com/index.html>

#### **KEVIN BRILLINGER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**June 26**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

##### **King Valley Golf Course, King City**

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital In memory of Kevin Brillinger who lost his battle with melanoma cancer last year at the young age of 52. To register contact Susan Hall via email at [susan@mistertransmission.com](mailto:susan@mistertransmission.com) or call 905.884.1511.

#### **14th Annual LOMBARD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**August 11**

##### **Greystone Golf Club, Milton**

In support of Reach for the Rainbow

The Lombard Invitational Golf Tournament is a model of a "Third Party" event. Designed, staffed and organized by Lombard personnel, this tournament garners the support of 64 top-name insurance brokers, together with 22 Lombard executives, each year. Lombard has continued to endorse the agency's mandate to create communities where everyone belongs. The Lombard Invitational is a day for these execs to relax, indulge in "insurance-speak," and enjoy each other's company in support of a worthy cause. The tournament features an exciting round of golf, a great dinner and an even greater auction conducted by Reach for the Rainbow staff - what more could you ask for in a golf outing? Since its inception 13 years ago, the Lombard Invitational has raised well over \$965,000 for this organization, an unsurpassed accomplishment.

Registration Fee: \$500 per person

Includes: Lunch, Dinner, Wine and Cocktail Reception.

[fwww.reachfortherainbow.ca](http://www.reachfortherainbow.ca)

#### **MEN'S CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**June 22**

##### **Wyndance Golf Club, Uxbridge**

416-586-8203 ext. 8749

In support of Mount Sinai Hospital The Mount Sinai Classic, presented by Equitable Trust, is celebrating its 15th year.

The event is organized by Leadership Sinai, the young professional group at Mount Sinai Hospital. Proceeds from the event will support Mount Sinai's outstanding research, medicine and patient care. Since inception this event has raised in excess of \$2.2 million.

[www.mountsinai.on.ca](http://www.mountsinai.on.ca)

#### **11th Annual MIA CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**

**August 21**

##### **Kleinberg Golf and Country Club**

Proceeds support the Mesothelioma Research Program at Princess Margaret Hospital. Registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart and lunch. [mhaylock@miaontario.org](mailto:mhaylock@miaontario.org).

#### **MICHAEL BRICKMAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**July 21**

##### **Nobleton Lakes Golf Club**

The Lumpy Classic will be joining forces with BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). [marlenegb@rogers.com](mailto:marlenegb@rogers.com)

#### **MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**

**September 15**

905- 278-6186

In association with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

[www.chapters.msociety.ca](http://www.chapters.msociety.ca)

#### **NORTH YORK MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**June 1**

##### **Donalda Club**

In support of North York General Hospital Cancer and Palliative Care Services  
[www.nyghmasters.ca](http://www.nyghmasters.ca)

#### **PICKLE BARREL GOLF TOURNAMENT IN HONOUR OF ANDREW VALADE**

**June 23**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

##### **The Club at Bondhead**

In support of Brain Cancer Research and Care at The Princess Margaret's Pencer Brain Tumour Centre in honour of Andrew Valade who lost his battle with a rare form of brain cancer in March 2008.

#### **2nd Annual PROJECT CURE PAOLA'S FUND**

##### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**September 13**

**1:30 pm to 11:00 pm**

##### **Angus Glen Golf Club**

In support of Cancer Stem Cell research at The Princess Margaret.

Lunch, dinner, snacks will be provided along with the opportunity to take part in a live & silent auction. For details contact Patrizia Cardinale at [patriziacardinale@rogers.com](mailto:patriziacardinale@rogers.com)  
[www.paolasfund.com](http://www.paolasfund.com).

**4th Annual ROSS FORFAR  
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**May 26  
Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club  
Stouffville**

In support of The Fire Fighter's Cancer Research Fund at Princess Margaret Hospital  
Start Time: 8:00 am. Registration fee includes continental breakfast, hot lunch buffet, on-course contests, raffle prizes, gifts and 18 holes of golf with a cart. The tournament is held in memory of Ross Forfar, former Deputy Chief of the Scarborough Fire Department. 416-281-6227 to register.  
[www.scarboroughfirefighters.org](http://www.scarboroughfirefighters.org)

**THE BIGGEST BREAK  
FOR VILLA CHARITIES FOUNDATION  
September 18**

**Eagles Nest Golf Club**  
Proceeds to Villa Charities Foundation  
A skills challenge inspired by the Golf Channel's "The Big Break" – this unique golfing experience lets golfers test their skills in a series of challenges, some golf-inspired and some Italian-inspired! Join us for this popular charitable sporting event that attracts business professionals and avid golfers from across Toronto and York Region for an exciting day of golf in celebrated Italian style. More details to be announced. [www.villacharities.com](http://www.villacharities.com)

**WOMEN'S GOLF CLASSIC  
June 2009**

**ClubLink's Wyndance, Uxbridge**  
In support of the Children's Aid Foundation  
Imagine a golf course so uncommonly beautiful you occasionally forget why you're there in the first place. Complimentary spa services, continental breakfast and customized morning golf lessons hosted by LPGA professional Sandra Post prepare you for an enjoyable day of golf, conducive to networking and entertaining clients. While on course, enjoy cart snacks, a gourmet lunch and refreshments at sampling stations along your way. Interactive contest holes will also test your skills as you compete for wonderful prizes. Your day ends in the Clubhouse with an evening of fine food, fantastic prizes and a chance to take home a fabulous selection of silent auction items. Trade the boardroom for the back nine while truly making a difference in lives of the abused and neglected children the foundation serves.  
[www.cafdn.org](http://www.cafdn.org)

**WALKS AND RUNS**

**5K Your Way Walk / Run  
October 18**

This is a fun 5K Walk or Run which is held in association with the GoodLife Toronto Marathon. Individual participants or teams are encouraged to raise funds for any area, clinic or group within The Princess Margaret. 5K Your Way Hotline 416-946-6584  
[www.5kyourway.ca](http://www.5kyourway.ca)

**EHIP-HIP HOORAY!**

**May 31  
Trillium Health Centre – Mississauga**

905-848-7580 Ext. 2786  
In support of Orthopaedic Program and The Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation.  
Since 1993 this hip event has raised more than \$300,000 for Trillium Health Centre's first class Orthopaedic Program and the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation. Former patients of the Program and their families are invited to participate in the walk to raise funds for essential equipment and increase awareness around bone and joint health.

**THE MAD HATTER'S WALK  
May 30**

9:30 am - 2:00 pm  
In support of Llukemia Research at Princess Margaret Hospital  
.Registration will open at 9:30 am and the walk will depart at 11:30 am. This fun family day will include a crazy hat competition, silent auction, magic show, balloon animals, live music and picnic lunch. Over \$120,000 raised to date!  
[www.madhatterswalk.com](http://www.madhatterswalk.com)

**TORONTO WOMEN'S HALF  
MARATHON AND 5K**

**May 31  
Sunnybrook Park**  
In support of POGO Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario.  
Be a part of one of Toronto's newest and unique events. Whether you are a competitive, recreational or newbie runner, this is the race for you. Join over 1,000 women in a celebration of health, fitness and camaraderie in the Toronto Women's Half Marathon & 5k. Run by or linger at the 19k chocolate station. Grab a drink at the Firefighter's Water Station. Enjoy the post run party – great food, free massage and lots more. Don't miss out – Registration is capped at 1000 participants in the half marathon and 300 in the 5k.  
[www.towomen](http://www.towomen)

**WALK A MILE IN MY SHOE**

**September 19  
Toronto, Hamilton, London**

In support of Reach for the Rainbow  
The Walk a Mile in My Shoe fundraising and awareness initiative invites individuals across Ontario to pledge and participate in a walk-a-thon and the values of inclusion and belonging. With our Partners in Integration, Walk a Mile in My Shoe was inspired by Bill Hiltz a long time participant/volunteer at Kennerie camp in London, Ontario. He and his caregiver Joyce Balaz created and have hosted the walk-a-thon since 2007, and donated all proceeds to Reach for the Rainbow. With Bill and Joyce's enthusiasm this year, Reach for the Rainbow will be taking the walk province-wide in an effort to continue its' mandate that "Every Child Belongs."  
[www.reachfortherainbow.ca](http://www.reachfortherainbow.ca)

**THE UNDERWEAR AFFAIR '09  
August 29**

**Streets of Toronto**  
In support of cancers below the waist at North York General Hospital  
The Underwear Affair is a fun 10K run or 5K walk that benefits often underfunded, taboo cancers like prostate, colorectal, testicular and cervical. It's time to do something bold and help support North York General Hospital's effort to find cures and better treatments for these cancers.  
The Underwear Affair is one of those rare events that combine a really great cause and a really good time. It's for people of all ages, all athletic abilities, and all fashion statements. Of course, participating in your underwear is encouraged, but not required. From crazy costumes to great company, on August 29, 2009, join the masses as they journey through the streets of Toronto in support of treating cancers below the waist.  
[www.to09.uncoverthecure.org](http://www.to09.uncoverthecure.org)

**If you have a FUNDRAISING EVENT you would like us to know about, send the details of your event to:  
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1235 Bay Street, Suite 400,  
Toronto, Ontario. M5R 3K4  
Tel: 416-923-HOTO**

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The following is a list of known galas hosted in the GTA, not including those currently highlighted in this issue. Some of the event names may have changed since last presented.

A Night In The Past For A Cure In The Future Gala  
 An Evening At The Chefs Table  
 Angel Ball  
 Art of Time Ensemble Gala Benefit  
 Asian Heritage Month Gala  
 Barbados Ball  
 Beggars Blues Banquet  
 Best Buddies Gala  
 Big Night Out Gala  
 Black and White Gala DX Centre  
 Bohemian Ball  
 Book Lovers Ball  
 Brazilian Carnival Ball  
 Breast Darn Show  
 Bridle Bash III  
 Buy Design  
 Caribana Ball  
 Caribbean Ball  
 Celebrate The Women In Your Life  
 Community Rocks  
 Conn Smythe Sports Celebrities Dinner & Auction  
 Credit Valley Hospital Gala  
 D.A.N.I. Gala  
 Do You Believe In Magic  
 Dragon Ball  
 Emerald Ball  
 Esta Das Amigas  
 Evan's Dream  
 Fandango  
 Fashion Cares Gala  
 Field Of Dreams Gala  
 Flourish  
 From The Heart  
 Fu-Gen Fire Gala  
 Full Circle  
 Gallery Art Hop  
 Gerry Pencer Golf Tournament

Heart of Fashion  
 Imagination Ball  
 Innovators Ball  
 It's Always Something  
 Lancaster Ball  
 LiverLIGHT Gala  
 Look Good Feel Better Ball  
 Mad Hatters Ball  
 Mad Hot Ballet Gala  
 Markham Jazz Festival Gala  
 Massive Party  
 Mississauga Arts Awards Gala  
 Mozart Unlaced  
 My Funky Valentine  
 New Orleans Riverboat Gala  
 Niagara Wine Gala Dinner & Dance  
 Not Just Another Saturday Night  
 One Wish Gala  
 One x One  
 Operanation  
 Pencer Brain Trust Gala  
 Pink Bedroom Party  
 Pink Opal Ball  
 Pogo  
 Possible Dream Gala  
 Power Ball 11  
 Red Rose Ball  
 Roots and Wings  
 Rotary Against Prostate Cancer Fashion Show  
 Sante: Bloor-Yorkville Wine Festival  
 Scarborough Hospital Gala  
 Scrubs In The City  
 SickKids Easter Fundraiser

Snowball  
 Spirit of Toronto  
 Starr's On The Credit  
 Stars of the 21st Century  
 Tafelmusik Gala  
 Testicle Festival  
 The Platinum Rose  
 The Possible Dream Gala  
 The White Party  
 Toast  
 Toronto's Finest Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction  
 Trillium Gala  
 Valentine Ball  
 Viennese Ball  
 Vino Della Vita: Wine Tasting Event  
 Vive La Danse  
 Walrus Foundation Gala  
 We All Need Love Gala 2010  
 Wyatt's Warriors Have A Heart Gala  
 Xerox Ice Wine Gala  
 Year of Hope Celebration  
 Zelda's Drag Idol



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