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GALAvanting From the Editor



FUNdraising season is in full swing with Galas Galore!

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Joey Cee Publisher & Managing Editor

list of galas and major fundraisers that basically put the FUN into FUNdraising. In subsequent updated issues we will be featuring Golf Tournaments and additional fundraising events.

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 30 years, and each year there are more and more such events popping up all over the city, throughout the GTA and Southern Ontario. 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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S outhern Ontario, a region known for its vibrant communities and diverse cultures, hosts numerous fundraiser events throughout the year. These events not only serve as vital support for various causes but also bring people together, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. From bustling cities like Toronto and Hamilton to scenic areas like Niagara and Muskoka, Southern Ontario offers a plethora of venues and opportunities for creative and impactful fundraising.

Importance of Fundraiser Events in Southern Ontario

Fundraiser events in Southern Ontario play a crucial role in supporting a wide array of causes, from healthcare and education to environmental conservation and cultural preservation. These events are often the lifeblood of many non-profits and community organizations, enabling them to continue their valuable work and make a significant impact. The funds raised help in:

- Providing essential services to those in need, such as food banks, shelters, and healthcare facilities.
- Supporting local schools and educational programs, ensuring that children and adults alike have access to quality education and resources.
- Promoting arts and culture, helping to maintain the region's rich heritage and encouraging artistic expression.

• Protecting the environment, funding initiatives that focus on conservation, sustainability, and green energy.

Types of Fundraising Events in Southern Ontario

The types of fundraising events held in Southern Ontario are as diverse as the communities they serve. Some popular fundraiser event types include:

- Charity Walks and Runs: These events promote physical fitness and community participation while raising funds for various causes. Events like the Terry Fox Run or local charity marathons see enthusiastic participation every year.
- Gala Dinners and Auctions: Formal events that offer an evening of elegance and entertainment, featuring silent and live auctions where attendees can bid on donated items, experiences, or services.
- Music and Arts Festivals: Showcasing local talent, these festivals provide a platform for artists, musicians, and performers to entertain and engage the community while raising funds through ticket sales and donations.
- **Sporting Events:** Matches, tournaments and competitions in sports such as golf, soccer, and hockey bring together athletes and sports enthusiasts in support of a common cause.
- Community Fairs and Markets: Local fairs and markets offer a day of

family-friendly fun with food stalls, games, crafts, and performances, all contributing to the fundraising efforts.

Community Involvement and Impact

One of the defining features of fundraising events in Southern Ontario is the high level of community involvement. Local businesses, volunteers, and residents come together to organize and support these events, creating a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose. The impact of these events extends beyond the immediate financial contributions; they also:

- Raise awareness about important issues and causes.
- Strengthen community bonds by bringing people together in support of a common goal.
- Encourage volunteerism and active citizenship, fostering a culture of giving back.
- Provide a platform for local talents and businesses to showcase their contributions.

Fundraising events in Southern Ontario are a testament to the region's generosity, resilience, and community spirit. They exemplify how collective efforts can lead to significant positive change, benefiting countless individuals and enriching the community as a whole.

GALAvanting SUMMER/FALL 2024 CHARITY EVENTS

Fundraising events in Southern Ontario harness the spirit of giving, bringing people together to support various causes and initiatives. These events provide much-needed funds for charitable organizations, community projects and local causes.

To April 30, 2025 Stand For Something Good With Shake Shack

Shake Shack Toronto In Support of Second Harvest www.secondharvest.ca/get-involved/ fundraisers/shakeshack

As part of their mission to Stand For Something Good, Shake Shack will donate a portion of overall sales to Second Harvest.

July 20, 2024 PRAISE CATHEDRAL BIKE-A-THON: FOR HEALTH WE RIDE

6785 Millcreek Drive, Milton In Support of Trillium Health Partners Foundation

www.trilliumgiving.ca/events/ praise-cathedral-bike-a-thon-for-health

Join the ride for a day filled with fun, community and giving back! And, don't miss the BBQ lunch at noon, served after the bike-a-thon.

July 27 The RISING STARS: FIGHT FOR GOLD 2024

Rumble Boxing Studio Yorkville, Toronto In Support of Make-A-Wish Foundation www.makeawish.ca/event/

the-rising-stars-fight-for-gold-2024

Unleash your inner champion at this Olympic Spirit Boxing Event! Join the Rising Stars for an afternoon workout, inspiration, and making dreams come true! This event will involve a highoctane boxing workout that is suitable for seasoned pros or a boxing newbie. The class will be Olympic themed and there will be networking afterwards.

August 10, 2024 Northern PASS to Conquer Cancer

Bracebridge, Muskoka In Support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Research

www.northernpass.ca

Don't miss your chance to ride while taking in the breathtaking views along Lake Muskoka. There are three unique routes to choose from and plenty of reasons to take part.

August 10, 2024 MET'S PADDLE FOR PURPOSE: A GRAND RIVER RAFTING & TUBING CHARITY CHALLENGE

Brant Park, Brantford

In Support for Men Ending Trafficking www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ men-ending-trafficking-canada/p2p/ PaddleforPurpose

Charity Rafting Challenge is when adventure meets charity on the scenic waters of the Grand River! Get ready for a day of excitement, laughter, and bonding as you navigate the twists and turns of this iconic river, all in the name of stopping human trafficking in our province and across this country.

August 10 & 24, 2024 HIPPIE VINTAGE MARKET

TD Commons Park (Queen Street & Shaw Street)

In Support of the CAMH foundation www.camh.ca/en/camh-news-andstories/announcing-2024-communityengagement-events

Hippie Market is a family friendly vendor market with a diverse set of offerings including vintage, art and small-batch goods, including food and beverage. A percentage of proceeds from each market is donated to CAMH's Gifts of Light program – specifically for patients.

August 15, 2024 2024 BEGGARS BLUES BANQUET

Port Credit Royal Canadian Legion, Mississauga In Support of Tim Hortons Southside

Shuffle beggarsblues.southsideshuffle.com/trk/ APuTb

Beggars Blues Banquet brings you a fantastic night of blues and dancing hosted by the Hogtown Allstars with performances by Chuck Jackson, Matt Weidinger, Doc Maclean, Cheryl Lescom, Lisa Goodridge's tribute to Aretha Franklin, and more! Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle annual fundraising event, sponsored by Bruce MacKay RBC Financial, will be held on the upper floor of the Port Credit Legion.

August 17, 2024 TORONTO FLOWER MARKET

TD Commons Park (Queen St. & Shaw St.) In Support of the CAMH foundation www.camh.ca/en/camh-news-andstories/announcing-2024-communityengagement-events

Since May 2013, Toronto Flower Market celebrates and supports the local flower community, and provides an opportunity to celebrate and support Ontariogrown flowers and plants, where growers and florists can connect directly with the CAMH community. A portion of market proceeds is donated back to CAMH.

August 21 2024 EDITION OF HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON

CAA Centre, 7575 Kennedy Rd. S. in support of William Osler Health System Foundation (Osler Foundation) hockeynightbrampton.ca

Coaches Wendel Clark and Doug Gilmour are excited to come back for another year and as the returning champ, Coach Gilmour is ready to play.

August 24, 2024 PADDLE FOR THE PEOPLE 2024

Port Credit Legion, Mississauga In Support of Mississauga Families In Need

www.stayhappening.com/e/paddle-forthe-people-2024-E2ISWOTB7ES

Join Paddle for the People and embrace the spirit of community and make a difference in the lives of local families and kids by joining "Paddle for the People."

September 7, 2024 ONEWALK TO CONQUER CANCER

In Support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation

www.walk2conquer.ca

A long standing annual fundraiser that brings thousands of people together each year. All funds raised directly benefit Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, one of the top 5 cancer research centres in the world. Walk the length of a half marathon through some of Toronto's most iconic neighbourhoods.

September 7, 21 & 28, 2024 HIPPIE VINTAGE MARKET

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September 8, 2024 24TH ANNUAL NIAGARA EASTER SEALS REGATTA

Dalhousie Yacht Club In Support of Easter Seals www.easterseals.org/ niagara-easter-seals-regatta

Featuring both powerboats and sailboats, the Regatta welcomes Easter Seals children and families to enjoy a lunch cruise aboard participating boats. Activities off the water include children's entertainment, live music, and much more! The Regatta is truly a day of fun, both on and off the water!

September 14, 2024 TORONTO FLOWER MARKET

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September 21, 2024 CREATIVE ON QUEEN ART FAIR

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CAMH hosts a creative art and craft fair alongside the West Queen West Art Crawl featuring the talents of artists and artisans who live with mental health and addiction challenges. Artists are drawn from CAMH, Workman Arts, Sistering Inspiration Studios and First Nations, Inuit and Metis agencies and others. Purchase original art, hand-crafted pottery, jewelry and unique creations. You can also enjoy musical entertainment and partake in the Out of this World Café's hot-off-the grill barbeque.

September 22, 2024 JUMP FOR BOOST CHILDREN'S EVENT

Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Leaside



In Support of Victims of Child Abuse Across the GTA

www.jumpforboost.ca

Family friendly event for kids of all ages will contribute to supporting Boost CYAC's unwavering belief that every child deserves to be safe.

September 28, 2024 ROAD HOCKEY TO CONQUER CANCER

Metropolitan Centre, Vaughan In Support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation

www.roadhockeytoconquercancer.ca

Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer is the world's largest road hockey fundraiser. It brings thousands together to raise millions for life-saving research at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, one of the top 5 research centres in the world.

October 2, 2024 DROP ZONE TORONTO 2024

Allied Properties REIT, Toronto In Support of Easter Seals www.thedropzone.ca/locations/toronto

Superheroes from the Toronto, GTA and beyond will rappel down the side of the Allied building at 175 Bloor St E, Toronto, in support of Easter Seals Ontario! The rappel is fully accessible and open to anyone over the age of 18 who has raised a minimum of \$1,000 (\$750 for returning rappellers, \$850 for first-time rappellers registered on or before June 30, 2024). There is a \$50 registration fee that will be counted towards your fundraising total.

October 5 & 19, 2024 HIPPIE VINTAGE MARKET

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October 8. 2024 ART WITH HEART

The Carlu, 444 Yonge Street In support of Casey House www.artwithheart.ca

An exciting opportunity to take home a significant piece of art while helping people with HIV/AIDS in our community. Art with Heart has earned a strong reputation for presenting some of Canada's finest established contemporary artists.

October 13, 2024 TORONTO FLOWER MARKET

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October 19, 2024 HEART OF FASHION

Evergreen Brickworks In Support of North York General www.nvahfoundation.ca/heart-of-fashion

Heart of Fashion is an exclusive event in support of North York General Hospital that promises the ultimate fusion of fashion, food and entertainment. If there is one thread that binds them all together, it's their love of community and their passion for helping North York General Hospital provide exceptional care to thousands of patients and their families.

October 24 – 26, 2024 20TH ANNUAL GRAND CRU CULINARY WINE FESTIVAL

In Support Scientific Research and Fund Key Program Areas at Toronto General

Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital www.grandcru.ca

Top chefs and wine producers join forces to support Canada's number-one hospital. UHN Grand Cru Culinary Wine Festival is excited to return for it's 20th anniversary in support of groundbreaking medical research and innovations at University Health Network (UHN).

November 9 – 10, 2024 CN TOWER CLIMB FOR UNITED WAY

CN Tower

In Support of United Way www.unitedwaygt.org/get-involved/ fundraising-events/cn-tower-climb

United Way's ClimbUP for Community is one of Toronto's most highly anticipated annual fundraising events! It's a oncea-year opportunity to skip the elevator and conquer all 1,776 steps to the top of our region's most famous landmark – the CN Tower. Thousands of keen and kind-hearted climbers take the challenge every year to climb up and tackle issues of poverty in our communities. Every dollar raised powers important work across Peel, Toronto and York Region and helps United Way fight local poverty. With every step you take, you're helping to connect 1.8 million people to services and programs they need in their neighbourhoods and close to home.

November 14 – 23, 2024 TORONTO'S VERSION: TAYLGATE '24

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building *A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to support Daily Bread Food Bank's emergency food programs. www.dailybread.ca/events/*

torontos-version-taylgate-24

Lovers of the world's biggest female recording artist, Taylor Swift, will have the opportunity to make friends and memories this November at Toronto's Version: Taylgate '24. Taylgate '24 offers a safe, indoor, and accessible space to meet other fans and connect with their community during the Eras Tour's two-weekend run.





GOLF TOURNAMENTS

July 13, 2024 BCF GOLF TOURNAMENT Richmond Hill Golf Club

In Support of Healthcare Initiatives (SickKids Caribbean Initiative, Camp Jumoke & The Queen Elizabeth Hospital) www.barbadoscanadafoundation.com

This tournament will be a fun event for golfers and non-golfers. If you do not play golf, join Barbados Canada Foundation for dinner and participate in the raffle and auction.

July 15, 2024 LAKERIDGE HEALTH FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

Coppinwood Golf Club, Goodwood In Support the Highest Priority Needs at Our Whitby and Oshawa Hospitals bit.ly/lakeridge-health-foundation -golf-classic

In addition to the golf tournament, they will be hosting an online auction full of exciting prizes donated by many of amazing community partners.

July 25 Kingsdale for Kids Charity Golf Tournament

Cedar Brae Golf Club, Toronto In Support of SickKids Hospital www.eventbrite.ca/e/kingsdale-forkids-charity-golf-tournament-tickets-917459735767?aff=ebdssbcategorybrow se&keep_tld=1

The Kingsdale for SickKids Charity Golf Tournament is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a round of golf while supporting a wonderful charity. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a novice on the course, this event is perfect for all skill levels.

July 30, 2024 GILDA'S TORONTO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Eagles Nest Golf Club, Maple In Support of Glida's Club Greater Toronto www.gildasclubtoronto.org/ donate/other-ways-to-give/ gildas-toronto-annual-golf-tournament

A day of golf and an evening of dinner. There are many golfing options for individuals or groups, or you can go for cocktails, dinner and auction.

August 13, 2024 WEALTHGENIUS CLASSIC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Eagles Nest Golf Club, Vaughan In Support of Ottawa Food Bank bit.ly/wealthgenius-classic-charity-golftournament

This is a charity tournament requesting that you bring non-perishable food items. WealthGenius will deliver the items to the Ottawa Food Bank after the event.

August 18, 2024 PAR FOR THE CAUSE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Deer Creek Golf, Ajax In Support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health www.parforthecause.ca

The founders of this charity event whose families have been touched by cancer and mental health issues mission is to increase awareness and deliver financial support to innovative research, treatment and programs for those affected by these illnesses. The funds raised will be divided equally.

September 5, 2024 CANADIAN COMPUTER CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Lionhead Golf Club, Brampton In Support of Easter Seals www.easterseals.org/

canadian-computer-charity-golf-classic

The Canadian Computer Charity Golf Classic is a premier golfing tournament that brings the computer industry together to help raise funds for two worthy causes. Now in its 40th year, this tournament sells out and hosts a maximum of 300 golfers representing over 100 leading corporations from the technology sector in Canada and the U.S.

September 10, 2024 SHN FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

Magna Golf Club, Aurora In Support of Scarborough Health Network Foundation *shnfoundation.akaraisin.com/ui/ SHNGolfClassic2024*

Since 2008, SHN Foundation's annual golf tournament has raised more than \$2 million for Scarborough hospitals. These funds equip dedicated healthcare teams with the essential tools and infrastructure they need to provide exceptional care to one of Canada's most diverse and growing communities.

September 16, 2024 MASTERS GOLF FOR NORTH YORK GENERAL

Donalda Club, Toronto In Support of North York General www.nyghfoundation.ca/masters-golf

September. 17, 2024 TORONTO EAST ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Richmond Hill Golf Club In Support of Local and International Charitable Causes

torontoeastrotary.com/CalendarItem/ Details?CalendarItemId=953e3a29-3e2b-4e19-8ff3-309a7c2f411e&Start=2024-09-17&End=2024-09-17 There are many causes that both clubs support, but two of those that really stand out are food insecurity and protecting the environment. Supporting local food banks, partnering with organizati ons leading the charge on tree planting, ravine clean ups, invasive species removal, and supporting organizati ons that recycle used clothing are just some of the ways we are making an impact in our communities.

September 17, 2024 HUMANE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Angus Glen Golf Club, Markham In Support of Toronto Humane Society www.humaneopen.ca

Teeing off to improve the lives of animals in your community and beyond, and enjoy a day of golf at the beautiful Angus Glen Golf Club located in Markham, ON. Whether you are an avid golfer, or want to support the wellbeing of animals, everyone is welcome. Enjoy a boxed lunch and hit the course for some friendly competition in a shotgun start. When you have finished, enjoy a reception, bid on some great silent auction items and learn more about the impact you're having on the lives of animals in the community.

September 18, 2024 THE PCC SURVIVAL CLASSIC

Angus Glen Golf Club, Markham In Support of Pancreatic Cancer pancreaticcancercanada.ca/ pcc-survival-classic

Funds raised through this tournament will support ground-breaking pancreatic cancer research that will help us understand the causes of this disease, discover ways to detect it earlier, treat it better, and ultimately find a cure.

September 19, 2024 SHN FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

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September 20, 2024 VARIETY'S 6TH ANNUAL GOLF FORE KIDS TOURNAMENT

Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club, Markham In Support of Variety www.varietyontario.ca/golfforekids Amidst stunning views on the Valley

Course, the 18-hole round is packed with excitement, including a chance to win \$20,000 on the hole-in-one, incredible prizes, a silent auction, hole challenges and more.

September 24, 2024 PAWS AND PUTTS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Wooden Sticks Golf Club, Uxbridge In Support of Pets and Families www.ontariospca.ca/who-we-are/ events/paws-and-putts-charity-golfclassic-uxbridge

Get ready to tee off for tails and swing for a paw-some cause! Join the Ontario SPCA York Region Animal Centre and the Humane Society of Durham Region for the first annual "Paws & Putts" Golf Tournament, a full day event that supports their mission in raising critical funds to ensure pets and families keep together in the community.

October 8, 2024 SPEECH & DEBATE CANADA FOUNDATION 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Royal Woodbine Golf Course, Etobicoke In Support of Canadian Student Educational Development www.speechanddebatecanada. com/2024-charity-golf-tournament

Get ready to tee off and enjoy a day filled with friendly competition. 18 holes of golf, bag drop, golf cart, bag breakfast, hot lunch, a complimentary drink, golf gift item and chances to win many great prizes.



WALKS AND RUNS

August 24, 2024 PUMA TORONTO WOMEN'S 10K/5K

Starts and finishes in Wilket Creek Park In Support for Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario

www.towomensruns.com/events/ toronto-womens-10k-5k

These races continue to grow and provide women the opportunity to set the pace and be fit and active in a fun, supportive and friendly environment.

August 24, 2024 AIC HOPE AND POSSIBILITY 5KM RUN WALK AND ROLL

Kew Beach, Toronto In Support of Achilles International Canada Hope & Possibility® www.raceroster.com/events/2024/87767/ achilles-international-canada-hope-andpossibility

Celebrate Hope and Possibility[®] with Achilles International Canada at the beach, because disability awareness doesn't have to be super serious.

September 7, 2024 WALK TO CONQUER CANCER

21 km of Toronto In Support of The Princess Margaret Cancer Research

www.walk2conquer.ca

Walk a half-marathon through some of Toronto's most iconic neighbourhoods in support of life-saving cancer research at The Princess Margaret.

September 7, 8 PARKINSON CANADA SUPERWALK

30 Locations Across Canada In Support of Parkinson Canada donate.parkinson.ca/site/ SPageServer?pagename=SW_2024_home

September 8, 2024 RALLY FOR REHAB

Rumsey Centre, Toronto Rehab In Support of Toronto Rehab Basic re\ Research (KITE)

www.rallyforrehab.ca

Rally for Rehab is a family-friendly fundraising event to support UHN's Toronto Rehab and help patients reclaim their independence.

September 8 THE OVARIAN CANCER CANADA WALK OF HOPE

Various Cities and Locations (See below) In Support of Ovarian Cancer Research www.ovariancanada.org/events/ ovarian-cancer-canada-walk-of-hope

This year, we're walking because women with ovarian cancer deserve better, and we have the power to deliver change across Canada!

- Allandale Station Park, Barrie (incl. Simcoe & Muskoka Region)
- Rotary Park, Ajax
- Guelph, Kitchener & Waterloo
- Spencer Smith Park, Burlington
- Oakes Park, Niagara Falls
- Nicholls Oval Pavillion, Peterborough
 (Incl. Kawartha Lakes)
- Ashbridges Bay Park, Toronto

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www.TorontoChocolateFestival.com October 1 - 31, 2024 In Support of Toronto Zoo and the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy www.torontozoo.com/events/zoorun#evt This event is open to runners, walkers, and Zoo fans of all ages and abilities.

September 21, 2024 RBC RACE FOR THE KIDS TORONTO

Mel Lastman Square In Support of Youth Mental Health secure2.convio.net/sfou/site/ SPageServer/?pagename=RFTK_2024_ home

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned runner, this is the event for you. You choose the distance that works for you and get help you every step of the way.

September 22, 2024 MISSISSAUGA KIDNEY WALK 2024

Erindale Park Area E, Mississauga In Support of the Kidney Foundation's Vital Research and Patient Support Programs

www.kidneywalk.ca

When you participate in the Kidney Walk, you're joining a passionate community with a shared belief in doing all we can to provide hope and support to those living with kidney disease.

September 28, 2024 YMCA CHARITY 5K RUN

Downsview Park In Support of Sending Kids to Camp raceroster.com/events/2024/85913/ ymca-charity-5k

This fun and inclusive 5K charity run welcomes people and families of all ages and fitness levels.

September 29, 2024 BIST HERO 5K RUN, WALK AND ROLL

Wilket Creek Park In Support of BIST's Programs and Services

www.bist.ca/heroes

Either you live with the affects of brain injury every day and have overcome insurmountable challenges to get where you are OR you bring your infinite support, resources and compassion to the cause. All funds raised will go towards supporting BIST's programs and services, such as the social drop-in programs, community meetings, workshops and support groups.

October 5, 2024 PUMA TORONTO WOMEN'S 8K/5K

Starts and finishes in Wilket Creek Park In Support for Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario

www.towomensruns.com/events/ toronto-womens-8k-5k

Celebrate the close of the 16th season as you run and walk through Wilket Creek Park, in one of Toronto's most popular races. This race is an ideal way to keep you focused and fit throughout the fall months and is a wonderful way to wrap up your racing season.

October 5, 2024 RALLY IN THE RAVINE

G Ross Lord Park, Toronto In Support of North York General *nyghfoundation.ca/rally-in-the-ravine*

Pull up your socks and lace up your running shoes. This one-day event features a 1KM, 5KM, 10KM and Kids Mini Rally, and also has great food, vendors, and other exciting on-site activities. Join with your family and friends to celebrate NYGH and its incredible staff who go above and beyond every day to provide the kind of care everyone deserves.

October 6 CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE

In Support of Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

support.cancer.ca/site/ PageServer?pagename=RFTC_NW_home

The CIBC Run for the Cure is a 5k or 1k walk or run that raises funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. It is the largest single-day, volunteer-led event in Canada in support of the breast cancer cause.

- Barrie/Orillia: Centennial Park
- Brampton: CAA Centre-Sports and Entertainment Complex
- Burlington/Hamilton/Oakville: Central Recreation Centre
- Mississauga: TBA

- Niagara: Brock University
- Peterborough: TBA
- Richmond Hill/Markham: Richmond Green Park
- Toronto: Sir Winston Churchill Park
- Woodbridge/Vaughan: TBA

October 19 – 20, 2024 TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

On University Ave., just north of Queen St., facing northbound

In Support of Various Charities www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com

A premier annual marathon event that attracts thousands of runners from around the world, offering a scenic course. The event includes a full marathon, half marathon, and 5K race, catering to various levels of runners. Known for its excellent organization and vibrant atmosphere, the Toronto Waterfront Marathon is a major highlight in the city's sports calendar, promoting fitness and community spirit.

October 19, 2024 7TH ANNUAL BRIDGET'S RUN

Barrie Waterfront

In Support of Pregnancy and Infant Loss www.bridgetsbunnies.ca/bridgetsrun

Bridget's Run is a joy-filled, community celebration of love for those we have lost in pregnancy and infancy. This 1km/5km charity fun run or walk takes place on the Saturday following Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Barrie, Ontario, and virtually around the world. Funds raised support Bridget's Bunnies and grieving individuals and families in the community.

October 27, 2024 NIAGARA FALLS FULL MARATHON

Niagara Falls In Support of SickKids www.niagarafallsmarathon.com

A majestic experience running along the horseshoe falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Choose from our races ranging from a 5k, 10k, half-marathon and Marathon. Each race reflects our commitment to fun, community, and competition.



VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING

June 1 – 30, 2024 RIDE FOR HEART

In Support of Heart & Stroke Research www.rideforheart.ca

Whether you ride, run or walk set your kilometre challenge goal and use the RIDE FOR HEART free health and wellness resources to help you get closer to your goals.

August 1 – 31, 2024 GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

In Support of Childhood Cancer www.greatcyclechallenge.ca

ONE MONTH. ONE GOAL. FIGHT KIDS' CANCER. This August, ride to end childhood cancer and save little lives. Every hill climbed and every kilometre pedaled will be to honour those lives we've lost and stand with those brave kids still fighting to survive.

August 15, 2024 NORTH YORK GENERAL FOUNDATION RADIOTHON

In Support of Seniors' Care www.nyghfoundation.ca/radiothon

September 1 – 30, 2024 OASIS ZOO RUN 2024

In Support of Toronto Zoo and the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy www.torontozoo.com/events/zoorun

September 6 – 27, 2024 CANADA ARMY RUN

In Support of the Canadian Armed Forces www.armyrun.ca/events/virtual Unable to make it to Ottawa for their in-person race? You can join their amazing Canada Army Run community and support your Canadian Armed Forces from anywhere in the world by participating in our virtual event! Choose your distance, your pace and your location and complete your race(s) any time within the virtual race window. You will be able to upload your virtual race results, and we will mail your medal(s) and exclusive Canada Army Run merchandise to you. The virtual race offers all the same distances as our traditional in-person race, as well as an upgraded Commander's Challenge that lets you complete all three individual distances!

October 1 – 31, 2024 TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

In Support of Various Charities www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com

This Virtual Marathon allows participants to experience the excitement of the Toronto Waterfront Marathon from anywhere in the world and offers runners the flexibility to complete their race on their own terms, whether it's the full marathon, half marathon, or 5K. Participants can track their progress using GPS technology, share their achievements online, and still enjoy the sense of community and accomplishment associated with this renowned race. You can run or walk the full distance of your choice at any time from anywhere. ■

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AUGUST 2024

August 10 STARRY NIGHT GALA

Fairmont Royal York, Toronto In Support of PSI Scholarship Foundation's initiatives www.psifoundations.com/event-detailsregistration/starry-night-gala

A night of fun, celebrating, networking and cherishing the young leaders in hockey! This gala brings together individuals who are passionate about creating positive change in the lives of deserving youth. Through a night of celebration and entertainment, this event seeks to generate both awareness and financial resources to drive PSI Scholarship Foundation's programs forward.

SEPTEMBER 2024

September 6 KICK4CANCER GALA DINNER

Riviera Event Space, Vaughan In Support of Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

www.eventbrite.com/e/kick4cancer-galadinner-2024-tickets-858854094717

Get ready to kick cancer's butt at the Kick4Cancer Gala 2024 – a night of fun, fundraising, and fighting for a great cause! This in-person event is your chance to make a difference while having

a blast. Let's come together to support a great cause and celebrate life.

September 21 ANNUAL ONTARIO FUNDRAISING DINNER 2024

Sagan Banquet Hall and Convention Centre, Mississauga In Support of Ontario Food Banks www.muslimfoodbank.com/on-fundraiser

"Support Ontario Food Banks Fundraising Dinner" to help us tackle food insecurity across Ontario and Canada. The event will be headlined by guest speaker, Shaykh Riad Ourzazi.

September 21, 2024 IMPACT GALA

Dreams Convention Centre, Brampton In Support of Federation of Black Canadians

www.fbcfcn.ca/gala-2024

Enjoy the 2nd annual Impact Gala. An extraordinary evening, dedicated to celebrating achievements, fostering community, and creating meaningful change.

September 21 HAGEL GALA (VISION OF AUTUMN) 2024

Oasis Convention Centre, Mississauga In Support of CNIB Guide Dogs Program hagelgala.com

The Hagel Gala promises to be an inspiring and impactful event, filled with

entertainment, heartfelt stories, and opportunities to make a difference. By attending, you'll not only enjoy an unforgettable evening but also contribute to the mission of empowering the visually impaired people.

September 26 GALA FOR BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH

Paramount Event Space, Woodbridge In Support for Brain Cancer Research braincancercanada.akaraisin.com/ui/ bccgala2024

Come together to honour every person affected by brain cancer in Canada, to hear from specialists in the field, and to raise badly needed funds for pediatric and adult brain cancer research. Funds raised will enable the ongoing investment in critical research that will one day help unlock treatment opportunities.

September 26 ART BASH 2024 AGO

In Support of the AGO's Collections, Exhibitions and Access Programs. www.ago.ca/art-bash-2024

This year, Art Bash is all about COLOUR – celebrating the Art Gallery of Ontario's collection of modern art and the bold role colour plays in artistic expression. Guests will explore the AGO's Moments in Modernism exhibition.

September 27 HATS OFF 2 KIDZ™ ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA

Universal Event Space, Vaughan In Support of Leukemia Research for the Hospital for Sick Children

www.hatsoff2kidz.com/upcoming-events

For over the past 20 years, HATS OFF 2 KIDZ[™] has raised over \$2.4 million in funding and focused efforts on raising awareness for Leukemia Research for the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

September 28 PEACE AMBASSADORS GALA

King Edward Hotel In support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (Canada) www.internationalpeacefestival.net/ peace-ambassadors-gala

A formal black-tie event featuring a lively cocktail reception where guests can mingle, network, and enjoy a delicious selection of appetizers and drinks to be followed by a 3-course dinner, live entertainment throughout the evening, live music, dance and after party including late night refreshments.

September 29 AFTER BREAST CANCER: 12TH ANNUAL PINK DIAMOND GALA

Belluve Manor, Vaughan In Support of After Breast Cancer www.afterbreastcancer.ca/ pink-diamond-gala-2024

Dubbed the city's most stylish event, the Pink Diamond Gala celebratory presentation includes an extended afternoon filled with special guests, live entertainment, a live auction, popular gift bags for VIP Ticket holders and much more.

September 29 A NIGHT FOR SICKKIDS GALA

Richmond Hill Performing Arts Theatre In Support of SickKids fundraise.sickkidsfoundation.com/ anightforsickkidsgala2024

A Night for SickKids Gala, hosted by On The Floor, will celebrate its 11th year in 2024.

Charity Ball *VS.* Charity Gala

When choosing between "charity ball" and "charity gala" for your event, consider the tone and activities planned.

Both terms, "charity ball" and "charity gala," can be used to describe a formal event organized to raise funds for a charitable cause. The choice between the two often depends on the specific style and tone of the event, as well as regional preferences. Here's a breakdown to help you decide which term might be more appropriate:

Charity Ball

- **Traditional and Formal:** The term "charity ball" often evokes a more traditional, formal event with dancing, usually held in the evening.
- **Historic Connotations:** Balls have a historical connotation, often associated with grand, elegant events reminiscent of bygone eras, making it a fitting term for an event with a partical theme.
- Focus on Dancing: If the event features a significant amount of dancing, "charity ball" might be the better term.

Charity Gala

- Versatile and Modern: "Charity gala" is a more versatile term that can apply to various types of formal fundraising events, including dinners, auctions, and entertainment.
- **Broader Appeal:** Galas can range from black-tie affairs to more contemporary, themed events, and may include a mix of activities beyond just dancing.
- **Current Usage:** The term "gala" is often used in contemporary contexts and can appeal to a wider audience.

So, the choice between "Charity Ball" and "Charity Gala" depends on the specific nature of the event you're referring to. If dancing is a central feature, "Charity Ball" might be more appropriate. If the event is more varied in its activities such as dinner, entertainment, auctions and dancing, "Charity Gala" could be a better fit. ■



OCTOBER 2024

October 5 12TH ANNUAL DIWALI – A NIGHT TO SHINE

Beanfield Centre, Toronto In Support Highest Priorities at UHN www.uhndiwaligala.com

A Night to Shine offers a unique opportunity for sponsors and guests to immerse themselves in the vibrant culture, traditions, and legacy of South Asia.

October 5 TEDDY BEAR AFFAIR 2024

Fairmont Royal York In support of the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada give.cafdn.org/page/118885/ action/1?locale=en-CA

Where elegance meets inspiration and hope takes centre stage. Make a positive impact on the lives of families, children, and youth touched by the child welfare system. Create magic together and make the 2024 Children's Aid Foundation of Canada Gala – Teddy Bear Affair an affair to remember!

October 5 FRONTLINES GALA 2024

Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre In Support of Frontliners www.eventbrite.ca/e/frontlines-gala-2024-tickets-888539334067

A memorable evening filled with entertainment, dining, and community. This in-person event is a chance to connect with like-minded individuals and make a difference.

October 18 DANCING WITH EASTER SEALS STARS

Ovation Ballroom, Niagara In Support of Easter Seals www.easterseals.org/ dancing-with-easter-seals-stars

An elegant evening of dining and dancing. The night begins with a cocktail hour and celebrity meet and greet, followed by a delicious dinner with host bar, silent auction, musical entertainment and dance demonstrations.



October 18 FIGHT TO END CANCER

The Old Mill Toronto, 21 Old Mill Road In support of Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

www.fighttoendcancer.com

Announcing a new initiative, after over a decade of hosting the esteemed Fight To End Cancer black-tie gala, raising nearly 3 million dollars for The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. The latest fight series will now include amateur boxers, raising funds and awareness while showcasing the sport. Hosted by participating partners at Old Mill Toronto, attendees can enjoy a VIP reception and thrilling matches.

October 19 SOL GALA 2024: ENCHANTED DREAMS & BEAUTIFUL IMAGINATIONS

SOCO Ballroom, Delta Toronto In Support of Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation www.kcsf.ca

Sol Gala, KCSF's annual fundraiser, guarantees an exciting night with live entertainment, gourmet dining, and exclusive raffle items. Celebrate the important work of KCSF and contribute to investing in the next generation of leaders in our community.

October 25 TRILLIUM DIWALI GALA

Pearson Convention Center, Brampton In Support of Trillium Health Partners Foundation

www.trilliumgiving.ca/events/diwali-2024

Buy your tickets now to guarantee your spot at the longest running Trillium Diwali Gala and celebrate the festival of lights in style! Join over a thousand community members all enjoying a spectacular evening of fine cuisine, lavish entertainment and animated dancing to support a great cause.

NOVEMBER 2024

November 1 MIRROR BALL 2024

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel In Support of Look Good Feel Better www.mirror-ball.ca

The purpose of Look Good Feel Better is to support people experiencing cancer and help them regain a sense of self by addressing the often-devastating appearance related affects of cancer. Your generosity helps create this vital network for people facing cancer while also fostering a sense of support and hope.



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November 1 LIMITLESS GALA

Fairmont Royal York In Support of Special Olympics Canada Foundation

www.specialolympics.ca/limitless

Come together to support athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide opportunities to participate in life-changing sport programs in communities across Canada. Your presence and generosity will help unlock the boundless potential within each athlete, empowering them to achieve greatness both on and off the field.

November 6 UNFORGETTABLE EVENING GALA Steam Whistle

In Support of Alzheimer Society alz.to/news/unforgettable-evening-gala

Gala brings together friends, celebrities, philanthropists and business leaders to raise funds to meet the needs of families and individuals living with dementia. To date, \$6 million has been raised toward supporting those touched by dementia, but the number of Canadians with dementia is growing fast and we need to raise more.

November 15 DANCING WITH EASTER SEALS STARS

Carmens Event Centre, Hamilton In Support of Easter Seals www.easterseals.org/ dancing-with-easter-seals-stars

Features an elegant evening of dining and dancing. The night begins with a cocktail hour and celebrity meet and greet, followed by a delicious dinner with host bar, silent auction, dance demonstrations and musical entertainment.

November 21 THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME GALA

Aga Khan Museum, Toronto In Support of Home Hospice Care hospicetoronto.ca/events/2024-11-21 Your evening will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, wandering buskers and silent auction.

November 28 17TH ANNUAL CHIEF'S GALA

Beanfield Centre, Exhibition Place In Support of Victim Services Toronto www.chiefsgala.com

A prestigious evening of celebration and support for community initiatives. Enjoy fine dining, entertainment, and the opportunity to mingle with city leaders and distinguished guests.

November 29 2024 ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING SNOW BALL GALA: AN EVENING TO FEED DREAMS

Venu Event Space, Vaughan In Support of Students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) angelfoundationforlearning.org/afl-gala

Through the generosity and compassion of donors, this event supports students by nurturing their body, mind and soul through nutritional, educational, and spiritual Programs. ■

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