

April 23, 2014

Attn: Kimberley Kitteringham City Clerk & Returning Officer, Legislative Services, City of Markham, Anthony Roman Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Kimberley,

Dr. Roz's Healing Place is a centre for empowerment and healing; we work towards the eradication of violence against women and children. Through innovative programs and services, Dr. Roz's Healing Place helps empower women and their children to make positive changes through cultivation of a holistic lifestyle.

We would like to partner with the City of Markham in presenting the 1st Annual Markham Cultural Unity and Diversity Festival. As there are large cultural festivals in Toronto, we thought it would be ideal to bring an event North of the city to highlight Markham's incredible diversity in an engaging and exciting way.

Dr. Roz's Healing Place is proud to have a positive and collaborative relationship with the city and would like to attract local residents and attendees from around the GTA to enjoy a celebration of Markham's varied multicultural communities through entertaining on-stage performances and a collection of local vendors.

We propose that the festival take place on August 10th from 12-5pm, at the Markham Civic Center.

We would be involving youth who are participating in our Vital Intervention Breakthrough Empowerment summer program in helping to launch the festival and garner support from the community. It is our belief that by encouraging Markham youth to connect with one another and the world around them, we will help them to foster a positive and culturally encompassing attitude as they develop and grow.

We would also like this event to serve as a fundraiser for our Dr. Roz's Healing Place Foundation, to help continue the essential and life saving work that we do. We would garner these funds from the sale of vending booths. Should this proposal be approved, we would like to meet with the appropriate contacts at the city to discuss event logistics and begin planning.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please contact my executive assistant with any questions: Ann Tran 416-264-0823 x 233 or via e-mail anntran@drrozshealingplace.com.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Roz Roach Executive Director Dr. Roz's Healing Place