



February, 2006

**Message from Frank Scarpitti
Deputy Mayor, Town of Markham**

Welcome to the 9th annual Children's Champion Gala at which we are all gathered to support the York Region Abuse Program (YRAP) in its mission to assist the many innocent victims of child abuse.

Without your continued financial support, many children in York Region would never have the access to the free assessment and treatment provided under YRAP programs. As a society we can not afford to turn a blind eye to the trauma that sexual abuse creates amongst both young girls and young boys alike within our community. Your presence here this evening is proof that you are not afraid to address this situation straight on and are committed to providing hope to these young victims and their families in York Region.

My congratulations to the organizers, sponsors and the many volunteers for all of their hard work to ensure that this evening will be a most memorable Evening of Hope.



Thursday, February 9, 2006

Mayor and Markham Councillors
101 Town Centre Blvd
Markham, ON
L3R 9W3

Dear Sir or Madam:

It's hard to believe that another year is upon us and with it – another York Region Abuse Program (YRAP) extravaganza! This year marks the 9th Annual Children's Champion Gala, which will take place on Saturday, February 18th at the beautiful La Primavera Banquet Hall & Convention Centre in Woodbridge. This year, we are delighted to welcome Deputy Mayor Frank Scarpitti as YRAP's Honorary Gala Chair.

The Children's Champion Gala is an annual black-tie fundraising dinner that brings an evening of hope to children, youth and adults of York Region. All proceeds from this event are used to eliminate the waiting lists for counselling therapy at YRAP.

I am writing to respectfully request the support of the Markham Council for YRAP's Children's Champion Gala – either through the purchase of a corporate table, sponsorship or a donation to the agency. I have enclosed a letter from the Chair of the Gala Committee, Sue Flanagan, for your consideration, as well as a fax-back form to assist you in your request for tickets/sponsorship/donation opportunities.

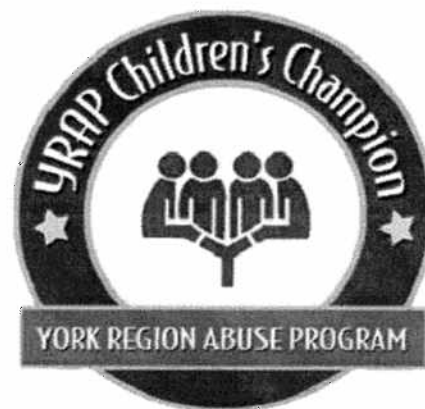
My sincere thanks for your kind consideration of my request.

Best regards,

Alison L. Peck
Executive Director
York Region Abuse Program

9th Annual Children's Champion Gala

Saturday, February 18, 2006
La Primavera Banquet Hall &
Convention Centre, Woodbridge



Mark your Calendar for this Special Advance Invitation

Please join us on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at La Primavera Banquet Hall in Woodbridge for our Children's Champion Gala and help an innocent child recover from the trauma of sexual abuse!

When you think of children, what are the images that come to mind? Most of us think of laughter, joy, innocence and freedom from the cares and worries of adult life. Seldom do we acknowledge that there are adults in their lives who would rob them of their joy and innocence by inflicting upon them the trauma of sexual abuse. Every year, hundreds of innocent children in York Region experience the horror of sexual abuse. The shocking reality is this: *1 in 3 girls and 1 in 4 boys* will become victims of sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.

The *Children's Champion Gala* is an annual black-tie fundraising dinner that brings an evening of hope to children and their families. ***All proceeds are used to eliminate the waiting lists for the treatment of sexually abused children in our Region.*** We invite you to join us for an amazing evening of great food, entertainment and dancing.

If you believe that all children deserve a childhood free from fear and hurt, then please help us provide hope to the young victims in our community. You will be joining dignitaries including ***our YRAP Chair Linda Jackson, Regional Councillor for the City of Vaughan.*** Truly, what is more precious than the well being of a child and what could be more rewarding than knowing you have brought hope and healing into a child's life? Please help us make a difference.

Sincerely,

Sue Flanagan

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Chair, 2006 Gala Committee

No child should have to wait for treatment of sexual abuse...

YRAP's 9th Annual Children's Champion Gala

Saturday February 18, 2006

La Primavera Banquet Hall & Convention Centre, Woodbridge, Ontario



Sponsorship Opportunities:

- ☐ **Platinum Sponsor** \$5,000.00 & up # tickets required _____
Table of 10, full page in program, sign recognition, power point, media releases & plaque
 - ☐ **Gold Sponsor** \$3,500.00 # tickets required _____
6 tickets, half page in program, sign recognition, power point at event, and plaque
 - ☐ **Silver Sponsor** \$2,000.00 # tickets required _____
4 tickets, half page in program, sign recognition, power point at event, and plaque
- Please provide logos*

Tickets:

- ☐ **Corporate table** (10 tickets) at \$1,800.00 (Power Point, Program & Table recognition)
Please provide logos
- ☐ **Individual tickets** at \$125.00 each

Program Advertisement: (please enclose card or artwork)

- ☐ **Business card** \$100.00
- ☐ **Quarter page** \$250.00
- ☐ **Half page** \$500.00
- ☐ **Full page** \$1,000.00

Donations:

- ☐ **Auction/Raffle items** (Recognition or tax receipt if applicable for retail value with appraisal)
Value: \$ _____ Description: _____
- ☐ **Unable to attend but would like to donate** \$ _____

Guest Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address must be completed for tax receipt

I would like to pay by: ☐ Cheque (payable to YRAP Gala) ☐ Cash ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

☐ Tax Receipt required: ☐ Corporate ☐ Individual

Invited by: _____ **Committee Member**

To register, please complete this form and forward payment to:

York Region Abuse Program

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Together we can end child abuse