

# Welcome and thank you for joining us for an evening of elegance,

On behalf of the Ritz Gala Committee, it is my privilege to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you.

suavity, and a hint of groovy vibes!

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the dedicated members of the Ritz Gala Committee, and Foundation staff. Their unwavering commitment and meticulous attention to detail have transformed tonight's event into a true masterpiece, ensuring an experience that will be cherished by all.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed evening sponsors. Your generous support has made this evening possible, and we are profoundly thankful for your partnership and dedication to our cause. We also want to acknowledge and thank our dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts have contributed to the success of this event. Together, your commitment embodies the spirit of compassion and community, enriching the lives of those we serve.

Tonight, amidst the glitz and glamour, we gather in support of the **Learning** and **Development Centre at McCormick Care Group.** 

This noble cause embodies the spirit of compassion and innovation, and your generosity tonight will contribute to shaping a brighter future in dementia and long-term care education.

So, dear guests, as we immerse ourselves in the festivities, let us also remember the impact of our collective efforts. Explore the treasures of the Wine Wall Surprise and indulge in the excitement of our exclusive sign-up parties, knowing that each moment shared tonight brings us closer to our philanthropic goals.

Thank you for gracing us with your presence. May tonight be a celebration of generosity, unity, and the enduring spirit of giving.

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Erin-Kate Ross Chair, Ritz Gala Committee McCormick Care Foundation

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# WITH EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

## Welcome to an Incredible Evening of Elegance, Inspiration, and Community Support!

The evening promises to be a night of enchantment as we come together to raise funds in support of dementia and long-term care learning and development simulation lab.

We are honoured to have Graham Crow as our host and Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Graham will keep you informed throughout the evening activities, ensuring you are in the right-spot at the right-time - and his charm and wit are sure to make this a night to remember.



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### **Evening Program**

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#### 5:30 pm DOORS OPEN

#### 6:00 pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION

*Hint:* Be quick to the Sign-Up Party and Wine Wall Surprise sections - quantities are limited and will go fast!



#### Acknowledgements: Michelle Hancock, E.D. McCormick Care Foundation

Thankful Reflection: Cathy Auger, Chair McCormick Care Group

#### 8:30 pm MAIN PROGRAM

Your Impact: Twee Brown. Chair McCormick Care Foundation

**Panel Discussion:** Moderator Karen Johnson, Director of McCormick Dementia Services, will lead a discussion on the Learning Development Centre's impact. Guests Lisa Van Bussel, Geriatric Psychiatrist, and McCormick Home Administrator, Lisa Maynard, will share their insights.

Special Prize: Maple Leaf Jersey Auction (see pg. 4)

**Fundraising Focus:** *Philanthropy sparks change, nurturing hope and empowering McCormick's initiatives like the Learning and Development Centre for a brighter future.* 

#### 9:25 pm EARLY BIRD CONTEST PRIZE DRAW

Thomas Edwards from Highview will make the draw. Good Luck!

9:30 pm Closing Remarks

#### 9:35 pm CASHIERS OPEN



Marion Mills and Charlie Tulloch, two souls who had lived rich and fulfilling lives, found themselves residents of McCormick Home. Fate had brought them together in the autumn of their years, and little did they know, their meeting would spark a bond that would warm the hearts of all who knew them.

Marion's daughter, Karen, fondly recalls the blossoming friendship between her mother and Charlie, likening it to the carefree days of their youth. Within McCormick's cozy spaces, Marion and Charlie found solace in life's simple



pleasures—freed from responsibilities, with meals prepared and hearts cared for. Laughter echoed through the halls as stories were shared, and a profound bond formed, extending to embrace their families. Karen and Charlie's daughter, Helen, found in each other a sisterly connection that mirrored the warmth between Marion and Charlie.



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Charlie's passion for the Toronto Maple Leafs was legendary, and as a thoughtful gesture, Marion's grandson, Cameron, bestowed upon him a gift of profound significance—a signed jersey of Johnny Bower, a stalwart figure in the team's history. Sharing Charlie's birth year, Johnny Bower epitomized resilience and stood as one of the last Maple Leafs to clinch a Stanley Cup victory in 1967.

Moved by Cameron's gesture, Helen lovingly framed the jersey, where it took pride of place on Charlie's wall, a tangible reminder of the bond he shared with Marion and her family.

Charlie stood by Marion with unwavering support as her days drew to a close, easing her transition with love. Although, Charlie passed late last year, his legacy of kindness continues to endure, commemorated on what would have been his 100th birthday on May 10, 2024.

In honour of Marion and Charlie's enduring friendship, Karen and Helen made a heartfelt decision to donate the cherished Maple Leafs jersey in support of the Ritz Gala. Their generous gesture pays tribute to the McCormick staff whose boundless love, care, and compassion enriched Marion and Charlie's final chapter.

With each bid, the jersey will become more than just a piece of memorabilia; it will become a symbol of enduring friendship and the transformative power of compassion. Marion and Charlie's legacy will continue to resonate, illuminating the lives of others with the timeless truth that love knows no bounds and that friendship, even in life's twilight, shines brightly for those who follow.

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# Fundraising Focus

# Learning & Development Centre at McCormick Care Group

In the face of unprecedented healthcare challenges, including critical shortages in vital roles like personal support workers, registered practical nurses, and registered nurses, the urgency for innovative solutions is clear.

The aging population intensifies this need, demanding a shift towards technology-driven education and training.

Enter the Ritz Gala, championing the establishment of the Learning and Development Centre at McCormick Care Group. This **visionary initiative** introduces Ontario's pioneering dementia and long-term care learning and development simulation lab.

# It's more than just a facility; it's an investment in shaping the

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future of healthcare professionals and care partners province-wide.

By supporting this endeavour, you're not just making a financial contribution; you're demonstrating a commitment to excellence in care provision. Your generosity fuels transformative education in long-term care and communitybased healthcare, ushering in an era of unparalleled excellence.

Together, we're creating a lasting legacy of compassionate and informed care, ensuring a brighter future for our community.



# Jay & Deb's Story of Inspiration

Join Jay and Deb as they open their hearts to share their deeply personal journey through dementia care.

As care partners for Linda, Jay's mother, and later for Kevin, Deb's brother, they'll unveil the highs and lows of their individual paths and how McCormick has supported them through their journey.

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Gather your group for an exclusive 5-course dinner at the London Club, paired with Lifford Wines & Spirits.

Each dish, crafted by the chef, features fresh ingredients and bold flavors, perfectly complemented by Lifford selections. This sensory experience sets the stage for an unforgettable evening.

Secure your Sign-Up Party package today to enjoy the beauty, elegance, and delicious offerings at the London Club.

#### **DETAILS:**

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- Twenty (20) Guests
- Five-course meal including, two appetizers, one entrée, one dessert, expertly paired with Lifford wines
- Valid Monday through Thursday until April 30, 2025
- Arrival: 6:30 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you're unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

PER PERSON \$300.00 PARTY OF 20 \$6,000.00 Thank you to our generous sign-up party donors:

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LIFFORD WIRE & SPIRITE

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Join Chef Michael Stark for an exclusive cooking class at the Hunt Club.

**Limited to 10 guests,** savour a hands-on culinary journey with Canada's top chef. Craft a delectable meal, gain insider tips, and relish flavours with fellow food enthusiasts.

Secure your spot now. Elevate your culinary skills!

#### **DETAILS:**

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- Ten (10) Guests
- Exclusive cooking class with renowned Chef Michael Stark
- Enjoy the fruits of your labour with fellow guests in the Hunt Club kitchen
- Valid until April 30, 2025, Monday through Thursday.
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

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Join us for an exclusive Sign-up Party at London Hunt and Country Club with an unbeatable golf package: 18 holes with a cart for **you, two (2) guests, and a member,** plus a casual lunch.

 Experience our lush greens and manicured fairways, followed by a mouth-watering lunch with locallysourced ingredients and stunning clubhouse views. Limited offer until summer 2025.

Don't miss out on this exceptional golf and lunch package. Sign up now!

#### **DETAILS:**

- Three (3) Guests
- 18-holes with cart and lunch
- Valid until Summer 2025
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

PER PERSON \$250.000 PARTY OF 3 \$750.000 Thank you to our generous sign-up party donors:

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Gather your family, friends, or colleagues for an exclusive day at London Hunt and Country Club.

Enjoy two (2) hours of pickleball and tennis, each with a 30-minute lesson. **Refuel with lunch for four** (4) guests between activities.

No membership required—just pure enjoyment and camaraderie.

Secure your spot today!

#### **DETAILS:**

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- Four (4) Guests
- 2-hours pickleball and tennis at the London Hunt & Country Club
- 30-minute pickleball lesson and tennis tips from certified instructors
- Casual Lunch for four (4)
- Valid until September 2024
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, & if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

PER PERSON \$250.00 party of 4 \$1,000.00

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ERIN-KATE ROSS Adam Baranowski



Gather friends for golfing bliss at Fire Rock Golf Club. **Enjoy 18 holes with carts for you and three companions amidst stunning views.** 

Afterward, unwind with a casual dinner at a private home, swapping stories over delicious food.

Whether perfecting your putt or savoring culinary delights, create lasting memories with laughter and luxury. Sign-up fast for an extraordinary day.

#### **DETAILS:**

- Four (4) Guests
- 18-holes of golf with four (4) carts at Fire Rock Golf Club
- Casual dinner for four (4)
- Golf Valid: Monday Friday any time; Saturday -Sunday after 1:00 pm, until Summer 2025
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

PER PERSON \$250.000 PARTY OF 4 \$1,000.000

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Indulge in luxury with Channers' Exclusive Shopping Experience—an exclusive affair lifting your wardrobe.

For \$250, enjoy opulence beyond shopping. Arrive to a delightful spread, and **one (1) lucky guest will WIN a \$1,000 Channers Gift Card**, plus a private 2-hour personal shopping experience. Imagine a curated journey through our collections, each item narrating sophistication.

**Only 10 spots available**—reserve now for a night of fashion, fun, and fabulous prizes.

#### **DETAILS:**

- Ten (10) Guests
- Exclusive shopping experience at Channers with beverages and munchies
- Chance to WIN a \$1,000.00 Channers Gift Card with a 2-hour personal shopping experience.
- Wednesday Evening: 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- Valid until April 30, 2025
- No cash value

PER PERSON \$250.000 PARTY OF 10 \$2,500.000 Thank you to our generous sign-up party donors:

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Channer's MEN'S LADIES APPAREL

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Join Beverley Zaifman for an exclusive experience where warmth and hospitality reign supreme. Step into Bev's cozy kitchen, greeted with a smile and an inviting atmosphere. Learn to craft homemade bagels and support dementia care initiatives.

But this isn't just about brunch—it's about coming together with purpose. By joining us, you're not just treating yourself; you're also lending a hand to advance excellence in dementia care.

Sip bubbly mimosas, savour fresh bagels, and indulge in homemade cured salmon. Reserve your spot now to make a difference in dementia care.

#### **DETAILS:**

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- Six (6) Guests
- Bagel making tutorial
- Brunch with homemade rogelach (sweet pastries) with coffee or tea
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value. Valid until April 30, 2025

PER PERSON \$75.00 PARTY OF 6 \$450.000 Thank you to our generous sign-up party donors:

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BEVERLEY ZAIFMAN



Capture your family's essence with ONCE's exclusive Photography Session. Freeze cherished moments in a one-hour journey filled with joy.

Choose ONCE's studio, your home, or London's outdoor wonders. **Gather up to six (6) family members for stunning portraits.** Receive ten exquisite digital photos to treasure.

Reserve now - **ONLY 5 SESSIONS AVAILABLE** and let ONCE transform moments into lasting memories.

#### **DETAILS:**

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- One (1) hour family photography session with a maximum of six (6) people
- Additional people \$50.00 each (payable to McCormick Care Foundation)
- Location Options: your own home, outdoor location, or studio
- Monday through Friday after 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Weekends: 9:00 am to 11:00 am or Evenings from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Valid until: December 18, 2025
- A mutually agreeable date will be confirmed between all parties, and if you are unable to attend, your donation cannot be refunded.
- No cash value

#### PER GROUP SESSION

**\$300.00** Six (6) people maximum, additional \$50 per person

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# 5 GROUP SESSIONS \$1,500.00

Thirty (30) people maximum, additional \$50 per person

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