

October 12th, 2021

Dear Police Services Board,

For 25 years, Clarico Place of York Region (formally known as Vaughan in Action) has supported the integration of youths and adults with developmental disabilities into the York Region Community through valuable educational, life skills, and recreational programming.

For the past several years, before the Pandemic, Clarico Place and York Regional Police have enjoyed a mutually beneficial, very positive partnership which has included, but is not limited to the following:

- YRP Inspector Kelly Chester, and Constable Greg Hanford sit on our Board of Directors
- For the past five years under the direction of the YRP Training and Education Bureau, every new YRP Recruit has attended a session at our program which focuses on learning how to become comfortable working with individuals with disabilities within a community setting
- The YIPI youth (Youth in Policing Initiative youth) and their corresponding YRP officers attend our centre in Vaughan on Wednesdays during the summer months of their program in order to learn about, and train on, how to work with individuals with identified disabilities
- Our participants and staff attend bi-weekly educational workshops at the YRP Community Safety Village
- Our staff and participants volunteer their time at both the Annual Police Week Open House and Halloween in the Village events at the Safety Village
- YRP staff and our partnership is featured in our promotional video

Since the start of the Pandemic, our partnership has only strengthened School Resource Officers, as well as other Community Service Officers and Diversity and Cultural Resources Officers, have been attending our centre to hold safe, outdoor educational workshops. The Community Safety Village staff, as well as the Training and Education Bureau staff have been holding monthly online workshops with our participants. We've even had the pleasure of having YRP's Mounted Unit come down to Vaughan for a visit which was certainly the highlight of our participants' year! And the list continues from here...

As a not-for-profit charitable organization, Clarico Place relies on the generous support of partners, businesses and individuals from within York Region. Charitable support ensures we continue to offer relevant and customized educational resources, equipment and technological tools for the use and the delivery of our daily programs. We encourage all of our partners to support our efforts to ensure the Clarico Place program will be enhanced for all of its current and future members. Sadly, due to COVID-19 we are unable to host a Gala this year. In lieu of purchasing two Gala tables, we are asking our partners

to donate \$1000 to our Annual Scotiabank Marathon fundraiser. This year's 5km walk will take place on Sunday, October 24th at Clarico Place of York Region in Concord. Donations will be accepted until October 31st, 2021. York Regional Police's generous contributions to our Annual Gala in the past have been fundamental in moving our program forward.

We look forward to many more years of a positive, enriching partnership with York Regional Police.

Thank you for your continued support!

Megan Thomas, Executive Director



Clarico Place of York Region