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St. John Ambulance's mission is to enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service. Like every business and organization, we have seen challenge and change in the way we provide training and community services over the past year. Our dedicated volunteers have stepped up and adapted to our changed environment and the need for different types of support.

Cadets have made masks, sent cards to long term care residents, and continued their leadership learning by reaching out to their St. John peers virtually across Canada and the world. Therapy dog members have made hundreds of virtual visits and dog shows, created a YouTube channel and still send a weekly newsletter to hundreds of schools, retirement residences and long term care facilities.

Medical First Responders have offered their voluntary services in LTC, at vaccination clinics, conducted food drives and made meal deliveries across the Region. They provided vital medical and humanitarian assistance at COVID-positive quarantine site and at an Afghan refugee quarantine site.

In the past eighteen months, 500 volunteers have provided more than 35,000 hours of service to the community. With limited revenues from first aid training and our usual donation sources, your support is more important than ever before.

On Saturday, November 20th, 2021, we are holding our 14th Annual Black and White Charity Gala as a hybrid event, both virtually and at Angus Glen Golf Club, to support the important work of our dedicated volunteers.

We invite you to attend our event or provide a sponsorship, donation, silent auction item or gift certificate to assist us in making this a successful evening. A sponsorship and donation form is attached for your convenience. Your gift will be recognized in the evening's signage and program as well as on our www.sjayork.ca web site and may be eligible for a charitable donation receipt (subject to CRA regulations).

Please contact us at St. John Ambulance York Region by calling 905-773-3394 or emailing York.Region@SJA.ca for additional information or for assistance with your donation.

Sincerely,

Chair, Fund Development Committee

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