

January 13th, 2023

Dear Police Services Board,

For 27 years, Clarico Place of York Region has supported the integration of youths and adults with developmental disabilities into the York Region Community through valuable life skills, recreational programming and educational activities.

For the past seven years, 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 YRP Constable Greg Handford sit on our Board of Directors
- For the past six 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 coresponding 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
- We work closely with YRP's Diversity and Cultural Resources Unit by volunteering at their events, attending their trainings, etc.
- I am currently co-chairing the York Region Alliance of Women in Leadership Group with Inspector Sarah Riddell
- Our staff and participants volunteer their time at both the Annual Police Week Open House and Halloween in the Village events at the Community Safety Village
- YRP staff and our partnership are featured in our promotional videos

Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that this year several YRP officers and civilian staff are being awarded Outstanding Community Partner Awards at our Gala for their tremendous support during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The recipients are as follows:

- Constable Joon Kim
- Constable Vince Garisto
- Constable Greg Handford
- Civilian staff from the Community Safety Village

As a not-for-profit charitable organization, Clarico Place relies on the generous support of partners, businesses and individuals from within our communities. Charitable support ensures we continue to offer relevant and customized educational resources, equipment and technology tools for use in the delivery of our daily programs. We encourage you to support our efforts to ensure Clarico Place will be enhanced for all of its current and future members. We would be delighted if the Police Services Board could sponsor \$2800 which would cover the cost of two tables for this year's upcoming Gala on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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