

Charities to benefit from Hoedown Community Fund

The Magna Hoedown, York Region's biggest annual party, may be on hold until 2022, but that doesn't mean local charities who share in the \$500,000 the event regularly brings in won't be left out in the cold.

30 charities and non-profit organizations will benefit from the Hoedown Community Fund, which was established earlier this year in the wake of Hoedown 2021's cancellation.

The recipients were announced last week and, collectively, the organizations help more than 181,000 York Region residents this year.

"I think it is a testament to Magna's continued commitment to supporting our community that they are not only donating to local organizations during this critical time, but that they have expanded the number of charitable recipients from 20 to 30 organizations this year," said Erin Cerenzia, Manager of Magna's Neighbourhood Network, and Chair of the Hoedown Committee. "Our Neighbourhood Network team will also be running some virtual programming for the community to participate in to raise awareness and hopefully even more donations! for the selected recipients."

The 2021 selected charities, non-profits and community groups are:

Able Network

Abuse Hurts

Aurora Minor Hockey Association

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York

Blue Door Shelters

CAYR Community Connections

DeafBlind Ontario Foundation

Easter Seals Ontario

Epilepsy York Region

Girls Inc

Hill House Hospice

Jericho Youth Services & Routes

Kerry's Place Autism Services & Autism Ontario York Region

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

Literacy Council York-Simcoe

Margaret Bahen Hospice

Marquee Theatrical Productions

Newmarket Food Pantry

Ontario SPCA

Optimist Clubs of York Region

Pulsars Gymnastics Club

Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers

Salvation Army

St. John's Ambulance

The Learning Centre for Georgina

Victim Services of York Region

Yellow Brick House

York Region Food Network

For more information, visit www.hoedown.ca. The website will soon have several different ways you can support the groups of your choice, as well as a host of virtual programming options.

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