## 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.

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.?

?I think it is a testament to Magna's continued commitment to supporting our community that they are not only donating to local 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

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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 <a href="www.hoedown.ca">www.hoedown.ca</a> . The website will soon have several different ways you can support the groups of you choice, as well as a host of virtual programming options.
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