



March 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

As you all know we are in the midst of a global health crisis unlike anything we have seen before. This pandemic is causing disruption to everyone not only in Peel, but Ontario and the rest of the country as well. Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone who is affected with Covid-19 and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Many of you have noticed the cessation of sporting events and the closure of many public facilities where larger gatherings of people tend to take place. These measures are all worthy efforts to halt the spread of the virus and to ensure that those who are in good health are not infected. Despite the fact that we rely on our Annual Fundraising Gala to support our operating budget, we have come to the decision to cancel this year's gala. The health and well being of our members and supporters is of much greater importance to DSAP than raising funds.

This decision leaves our currently Gala ticket holders with a few options, which are outlined below:

- A) **Advance VIP Future Seating** - we can hold your tickets on file and reserve your seats for next year's gala. In the event of increases to hall/food/drink prices your current tickets will still be honoured with no additional cost to you
- B) **Donate** - you have the option to donate the full face value of your ticket to DSAP. Given the fact there is no good/service exchanged in lieu of your donation you are eligible to receive a tax receipt
- C) **Full Refund** - we will gladly offer full refunds to anyone who requests it, no questions asked.

Please take a moment to reflect on your options and email your choice to our Treasurer, Ellie De Sousa at ellie.desousa@rogers.com. You can also email any questions that you might have. We truly value your support to DSAP, and we look forward to welcoming you to all our future events, Gala included.

Finally, we wish everyone good health and ask that you continue demonstrating what amazing human beings you all are. Continue to be patient and thoughtful during these difficult times. Continue to have a positive and uplifting attitude. Most of all, continue helping others.

Again, thank you for your continued support of DSAP.

Sincerely,

Paresh Mistry
DSAP President