



ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMPTON

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Dear Supporter,

The Rotary Club of Brampton is proud to invite you to participate in ***The Rotary Show Your Love*** online auction. The auction is a way to celebrate spring and to raise money to support a pressing need in our community. The funds raised will support the Peel Children's Aid Foundation Skills for Success Program, which encourages "aging out of care" youth 16-21 to pursue education and learn life skills. These are young people living independently and trying to find their way in life without family support.

Go to www.32auctions.com/RotaryShowYourLove to select one of the following easy ways to participate:

1. **Offer gift items** to auction (unused products or gift certificates valued at \$25 or more) and be listed as a donor on the website. ((No tax receipt for these materials gifts). The auction will be hosted on the 32auctions.com website with bidding scheduled for March 21-31. You will be listed as the donor on the website. Each item will be photographed for display, and gift wrapped for the successful purchaser.
2. **Be a major sponsor** on the Show Your Love auction website. Four major sponsor opportunities for \$1000 with include a large image banner, with your name, logo and your website.
3. **Be a sponsor** for \$250 on the Show Your Love website and identify your company name and website. No receipt for tax purposes is issued for sponsorships.
4. **Donate** at the auction site and receive a receipt for tax purposes. Your name will be displayed as a donor.

For more information contact Rotarians Carole Berry (caroleberry8@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Beaumier (s.beaumier@icloud.com).

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of this request to change the lives of vulnerable youth in our community.

Sincerely,

Rotarian

The Peel Children's Aid Foundation

Skills for Success Program

At the young age of sixteen, over 100 children in our community are living independently as they "age out of care" of the traditional fostering system. They often are living in basement rooms or in similar unsupported places. Most are trying to pursue education, but it is hard being a teenager without family supports to achieve this goal. Many of these teens had part-time jobs until the COVID pandemic and they were laid off. Now they are totally dependent on social assistance allowance which barely covers necessities.

Through the Skills for Success Program the Peel Children's Aid Foundation offers skill building opportunities in literacy, job readiness, trade skills, mentoring and culturally relevant activities for young adults. It is a chance for them to learn life skills and build their own supportive "family".

In the eight years that Skills for Success has been operating they have increased linkages for job readiness and employment, improved high school graduation rates by over 30% and reduced involvement with the youth justice system. Unfortunately, graduation rates are less than 60% and only 25% of these former foster children pursue post-secondary education.

The funds raised through "The Show Your Love Virtual Silent Auction" will be directed to the Mentoring and Tutoring activities through the Skills for Success program. The funds will help as programs transition from virtual to in-person activities in a recently built new facility.

The Rotary Club of Brampton is committed to helping these young people reach their potential by supporting Skills for Success and enhancing existing programs to encourage students to complete high school and pursue post-secondary education.

Go to: www.32auctions.com/RotaryShowYourLove auction and allow us to show your love through the many options and know that your actions will make a difference in many lives.