

HUGS in Brighton (Helping Ukrainians Get Settled)



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HUGS in Brighton is pleased to announce the **Come Fly with Me Gala** in support of displaced Ukrainians on Saturday, May 27 to be held at the National Air Force Museum of Canada at CFB Trenton. Tickets are \$100 and will be available as of Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. on hugsgala2023.eventbrite.ca.

The highlight of the evening will be performances by internationally renowned musical theatre star Philip Kerr and a surprise guest or two.

Dinner is being catered by Sans-Souci, voted Belleville's best caterer in the Belleville Intelligencer's Readers' Choice Award. The evening will include music by local band Take 3 and a silent auction featuring airline tickets, hockey tickets, beautiful artwork, dining options, golf packages, jewelry and much more. Music to dance the night away will be provided by All Request D.J. Services. Attendees will also be able to wander through the museum to view the impressive selection of exhibits that tell the history of Canadian military aviation.

Since HUGS became an entity in March 2022, we have helped 35 adults and children who are fleeing violence in Ukraine. Proceeds from this event will support our goal to walk alongside local citizens who open their homes to host Ukrainians escaping the war.



"This gala is key to our being able to continue supporting Ukrainian families who find their way to our community," said HUGS chair Wanda Stride. "The war doesn't show any signs of stopping. Supporting HUGS is one way to feel we are making a difference."

Nataliya Obodo and her family arrived in Brighton last fall and were relieved when they realized they would not be alone in Canada. "We didn't expect this! We didn't even know about HUGS before we left Europe. It has been such a big help for us!"

Her husband Ify agrees. "We never thought people in Canada would provide us with food while we look for work. It's just incredible!"

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Sponsorships are still available. Donations for the Silent Auction are also being accepted. If interested, please contact Hugs in Brighton at HUGSinBrighton@gmail.com.

We hope you will join us in supporting HUGS in Brighton by attending this wonderful event!

Event Summary:

Title: Come Fly with Me Gala

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023

Location: National Air Force Museum of Canada, 220 RCAF Road, CFB Trenton

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$100 per ticket (a nominal admin fee will be added to purchase at checkout)

Tickets available: As of Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10 am

Buy Tickets Online: hugsgala2023.eventbrite.ca (option to purchase a table of 8 is available)

For more information, please contact HUGS in Brighton at:

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