



42nd ANNUAL GREAT VALENTINE GALA

Fairmont Royal York Hotel
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026, 5:30 pm



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For 42 years Toronto's Great Valentine Gala has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for Canadians who live with a disability

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026, the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled



Persons will celebrate its 42nd Annual Great Valentine Gala, a cherished Toronto

tradition of celebration and support for Canadians who live with disability.

"It's going to be a very special night," promises Gala founder and CFPDP chair The Honourable Vim Kochhar. "The Great Valentine Gala is where it all began for our Foundation, and on February 14th, we'll be marking 42 years of extraordinary partnership and progress in the service of a great cause. I think that's cause for celebration."

Over more than four decades, the CFPDP and its premier fundraiser have raised more than \$40 million dollars on behalf of Canadians with disabilities and the issues and vital services they espouse. These funds have supported many important, life-changing initiatives that otherwise would not have been possible.

Here is a short list of projects that have benefited from the generosity of Great Valentine Gala supporters:

Canadian Helen Keller Centre (CHKC), which operates the world's first truly barrier-free apartment complex for people who are deafblind. CHKC provides crucial intervenor services to facilitate independence. Programming and training in essential life skills are offered through CHKC via Canada's first training facility for the deafblind community.



CHKC training centre

Paralympic sport: For 42 years, the CFPDP has been an active and significant sponsor of Paralympic athletes and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

The WhyNot Marathon: the CFPDP's epic 11,000-km national torch relay in 1996, enlisting 8,000 torch bearers and 150,000 runners in over 700 communities in support of the Paralympic Games.



The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame:

The CFPDP's flagship awareness project, the Hall of Fame is a permanent public tribute to the achievements of people with disabilities. Located in downtown Toronto, it is chaired by the Honourable David Crombie and is open to the public.

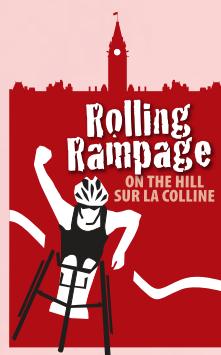
The Eternal Flame of Hope: Ignited in 1996 by Governor General Roméo LeBlanc, the flame still burns on the public square of Toronto's Metro Hall as a permanent symbol of the dreams and triumphs of people who live with disability.

Everyone deserves "A Seat at the Table":

The newest CFPDP initiative in finding qualified Canadians with disabilities for corporate board positions.



WhyNot.



WhyNot Magazine: Published twice a year, WhyNot Magazine promotes the issues and achievements of the disability community.

Rolling Rampage on the Hill: A unique event on Parliament Hill in Ottawa inviting the world's best wheelchair racers to compete for a prize purse of \$30,000.



2022 Paralympic medal winners at the Gala



The Eternal Flame of Hope



Rolling Rampage On The Hill

Love, Laughter and Legacy

Join CFPDP for the 42nd Annual Great Valentine Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 • FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK, TORONTO

Why this night matters

Since 1985, Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) has raised **\$40+ million** through the Great Valentine Gala and other initiatives to support Canadians with disabilities.

"The Gala is a joyful night of glamour and generosity. It's much more than a fundraiser and awareness event. It is a beloved Valentine's tradition that celebrates love of community, inclusion and possibility."

- **The Honourable Vim Kochhar**, Founding Chair, CFPDP



What's new for 2026

- **Valentine's Day.** In 2026, the Gala is on February 14th — make it a date night with purpose.
- **More time to connect.** The spotlight shifts toward you with extra time to mingle, share stories and build relationships.
- **Fireside chat returns.** Back by popular demand after last year's rave reviews — an intimate conversation with inspiring voices.
- **Decadent dessert buffet.** Sweet moments and socializing.

Signature moments you'll love

- **Scott Russell returns as Gala Host** to guide an evening of cherished customs and fresh experiences, including a send-off for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympians.
- **Awards presentations** honouring the disability community and its champions.
- **Elegant photo opportunities** to capture the magic of the night.
- **Tombola!** Every shimmering red mylar heart balloon wins a prize, with proceeds supporting CFPDP programs.

Make it your night

Whether you are hosting colleagues, clients or friends or planning a romantic evening, there is a perfect way to take part:

- **Sponsorships:** Align your brand with inclusion and impact.
- **Tables:** Celebrate together and make it a memorable Valentine's tradition.
- **Individual tickets:** Treat yourself and someone special to an unforgettable night.

Secure your spot early — premium placement and benefits are limited.

Reserve now

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Join Gala Co-Chairs **George Przybylowski** and **Tony Wight** and the CFPDP community on **February 14, 2026** for a night of **love, laughter and legacy** — and help advance opportunities for people with physical disabilities across Canada.



The 42nd Great Valentine Gala

Saturday, February 14, 2026
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CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

PRESENTING SPONSOR	\$50,000.00 – SOLD
DIAMOND SPONSOR	\$40,000.00
PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$35,000.00
GOLD SPONSOR	\$25,000.00
SILVER SPONSOR	\$15,000.00
BRONZE SPONSOR	\$7,500.00
GOLD TABLE	\$10,000.00
SILVER TABLE	\$8,000.00
BRONZE TABLE	\$6,000.00
CORPORATE TABLE WITH SIGNAGE	\$5,000.00
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS	\$500.00
WHYNOT MAGAZINE AD	\$2,500.00
DINNER SPONSOR*	\$40,000.00
FIRESIDE CHAT SPONSOR*	\$20,000.00
WINE SPONSOR*	\$10,000.00
RECEPTION SPONSOR*	\$10,000.00
TOMBOLA SPONSOR*	\$6,000.00

* Information available upon request



GREAT VALENTINE GALA “2026” WHYNOT MAGAZINE

IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS

Serving Communities Across Canada Since 1984

DISTRIBUTION:

- * To all attendees at Great Valentine Gala. – February 14, 2026
- * The Foundation's corporate mailing list
- * Online at cfpdp.com
- * Disability organizations/agencies and Canadian Para athletes
- * Rotary Clubs and government agencies across Canada
- * All Members of Parliament and Senators

SIZE & SPECS:

- * ~40 pages including cover
- * 8 1/2" x 11" saddle stitched
- * 1/8" all four sides for bleed, live type (safety area) is 1/4"
- * Cover - 80 lb; - text - 60 lb; - line screen 133

ARTWORK:

- * PDF File

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Inside Back Cover - Colour	10 7/8" X 8 1/8"	\$2,750.00 - SOLD
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Sponsor Benefits

	Exclusive Presenting Sponsor \$50,000	Diamond Sponsor \$40,000	Platinum Sponsor \$35,000	Gold Sponsor \$25,000	Silver Sponsor \$15,000	Bronze Sponsor \$7,500
● VIP Table	♥					
● Gold Table	♥	♥	♥	♥		
● Silver Table		♥			♥	
● Bronze Table						♥
● Sponsor Table for People with Disabilities	♥	♥	♥	♥		
● Sponsor Tickets for Current and Retired Para Athletes	♥	♥	♥			
● Logo in Gala Materials, on CFPDP Event Webpages and in WhyNot Magazine	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
● Logo in Pre- and Post-Event Newspaper PSA Ads	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
● Emcee Verbal Recognition from Stage and Logo Display on Gala Screens	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
● Full-Page, Full-Colour Ad in WhyNot Magazine	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	

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2026 Valentine Gala Sponsorship Packages

Exclusive Presenting Sponsor | \$50,000 - Sold

- Two (2) tables (16 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and fireside chat
- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala gifted to people with disabilities
- Eight (8) tickets gifted to current and retired Para athletes
- Prominent display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Exclusive Presenting Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- One (1) full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot magazine
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala
- Bouquet of one (1) dozen red roses or Braille chocolates sent to ten (10) deafblind tenants of Canadian Helen Keller Centre (CHKC)

Diamond Sponsor | \$40,000

- Two (2) tables (16 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and fireside chat
- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala gifted to people with disabilities
- Four (4) tickets gifted to current and retired Para athletes
- Display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Diamond Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- One (1) full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot magazine
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala
- Bouquet of one (1) dozen red roses or Braille chocolates sent to eight (8) deafblind tenants of CHKC



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Platinum Sponsor | \$35,000

- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and fireside chat
- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala gifted to people with disabilities
- Four (4) tickets gifted to current and retired Para athletes
- Display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- One (1) full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot magazine
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala
- Bouquet of one (1) dozen red roses or Braille chocolates sent to six (6) deafblind tenants of CHKC

Gold Sponsor | \$25,000

- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and entertainment
- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala gifted to people with disabilities
- Display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Gold Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- One (1) full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot magazine
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala



2026 Valentine Gala Sponsorship Packages

Silver Sponsor | \$15,000

- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and entertainment
- Display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Silver Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- One (1) full-page, full-colour ad in WhyNot magazine
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala

Bronze Sponsor | \$7,500

- One (1) table (8 tickets) to Valentine Gala including awards ceremony and entertainment
- Display of company logo across Gala marketing materials and social media posts
- Recognition as Bronze Sponsor in pre- and post-event advertisements in the National Post newspaper
- Corporate logo on CFPDP event webpages, with a link to corporate website
- Emcee announcement during the event with verbal recognition showcasing your support
- Logo recognition at the beginning and end of Valentine Gala



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TICKET ORDER FORM & SPONSOR INFORMATION REQUEST

Please use this form to order tickets and to check below if you wish to receive more information

Single Tickets / Donations

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED AT \$500 PER PERSON _____ TICKETS X \$500 = \$_____
 DONATION OF \$_____

Tables for 8

GOLD TABLE: Gold Seating and Sponsorship of 6 Para Athletes \$10,000
 SILVER TABLE: Premium Seating and Sponsorship of 4 Para Athletes \$8,000
 BRONZE TABLE: Premium Seating \$6,000
 CORPORATE TABLE WITH SIGNAGE \$5,000

WhyNot Magazine Advertising

Full Page Colour Ad @ \$2,500 - (ad copy deadline date of January 10, 2025)

Corporate Sponsorships

<input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor - \$50,000 - SOLD	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Sponsor - \$40,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Sponsor - \$40,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fireside Chat Sponsor - \$20,000
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor - \$7,500	

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Credit Card (Please check one) Visa Mastercard Amex

Card Number _____

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