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RE: CITY OF VAUGHAN MAYOR'S GALA 2022

Dear Friend,

I am reaching out to share a personal and heartfelt message – **thank you**.

Your role in Vaughan's transformational city-building journey has helped to create an inclusive and welcoming place that is admired around the world. Since 2010, I have been privileged to work alongside dedicated and passionate citizens like you, who share a common vision to continuously improve the quality of life and standard of living for everyone in our community.

Evidence of our collective efforts can be seen everywhere in Vaughan. Together, we've welcomed a series of firsts in our city: Vaughan is the first municipality outside of Toronto to have two subway connections, Canada's first smart hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, is delivering world-class healthcare services and Vaughan's first university, Niagara University, is providing opportunities for higher education in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. Our city is home to remarkable small and large businesses that create jobs for more than 225,000 people. Every day in every way, Vaughan citizens dedicate their time and energy to giving back to people who need it most. You truly embody the spirit of generosity and are making an extraordinary impact in Vaughan and beyond.

With an attitude of gratitude and admiration, I invite you to be a part of this year's Mayor's Gala. The theme is **An Evening of Gratitude**, and it is an opportunity to come together – in-person – to give thanks to people from every corner of our city who make Vaughan the place to be!

The 2022 Mayor's Gala will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at Universal EventSpace, located at 6250 Highway 7 in Vaughan. All funds raised will be directed to the Spirit of Generosity, which continues its meaningful support of more than 200 not-for-profit and community organizations, including children and youth groups, health care initiatives, seniors' organizations, and special needs programs. To date, more than \$70 million has been raised through the Spirit of Generosity.

I look forward to welcoming you at this year's event. For more information, please contact Anita Micoli-Falcone at 905-832-2281, ext. 8014.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Maurizo Bevilacqua, P.C.

Mayor