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Re: May 27th Charity Golf Tournament & Banquet

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the St Paul & District Crisis Association (the SPDCA), I request your support for this year's charity tournament, aptly titled ... **Driving Away Domestic Violence!** This letter and two enclosures provide you with information regarding opportunities for your participation whether it is through sponsorship, attendance or just getting the word out!

In terms of background, the SPDCA is a registered, non-profit organization that operates a 24/7 emergency shelter in St Paul for women and children fleeing domestic violence. This shelter is called the Columbus House of Hope, a name that harkens back to its humble beginning in 1991 when the Knights of Columbus provided land and funding for what has become an essential operation that, in 2016 alone, **assisted 151 women and 161 children from our community.**

We work hard to provide the highest quality support to families in St Paul. The result is a healthier and safer community for everyone. Of course we don't work alone. In close collaboration with the RCMP, Alberta Crown Prosecution Service, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, and many other stakeholders, the SPDCA offers a diversity of services to men, women and children.

Of course, while there is much to celebrate, shelter space at present is a grave concern. In 2016, the shelter **turned away 323 women and 227 children due to lack of space.** That's double the number we actually helped. As such, the SPDCA this year is embarking on an ambitious initiative to expand the shelter and construct a transitional residence (apartments) for families in the process of finding permanent homes. No handouts here. Rather, two strong hands up for adults and children who want change not charity. Your participation in this year's event will help us make that happen!

In view of the above, we ask you to consider helping us reach our **fundraising goal of \$20,000.** **Financial donations are tax deductible** and will be recognized as outlined on the attached Sponsor Recognition sheet. Aside from that, you can help by simply enjoying a fun (and we trust sun) filled day complete with **golf, dinner and live entertainment!** Again your purchase is tax deductible. You may also wish to **donate items for the raffle or silent and end-of-the-night live auction.** The choice is YOURS but please act soon! Our deadline for donations and golf/dinner registration is Friday, May 12th. Again enclosures provide more information.

Regardless of your participation, we appreciate your consideration. I do hope that you will contact me directly with your reply at 780-296-4094 or driveoutdv@gmail.com. See you on the 27th (of May!).

Yours truly,

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Enclosures