



Hello Everyone,

The LDSA has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 19<sup>th</sup> Annual LDSA Gala due to the COVID-19 outbreak and current reopening restrictions in Ontario. While the gala is our largest fundraiser of the year our greater goal is to keep our families, guests and sponsors safe so that we can come together and celebrate again in 2021.

We are very aware of the disappointment that this may bring, and want you to know that this decision was not made lightly. You may be wondering why we could not defer this decision, as you can imagine there are many planning and financial commitments required in organizing and hosting a gala of this size, which simply wouldn't allow us to wait any longer. The good news is that the gala will be returning in 2021! Save the date, Saturday November 6, 2021.

Making this decision today will still create a significant challenge to our organization but doing so will allow us to weather this period of uncertainty. As a charitable organization, we need to be mindful of our duty to make the best use of our existing funds and donations. We are committed to ensure that we are able to plan for the continuation of the programs that we currently run while evaluating if, and when, we can implement new ideas.

If you would like to make a donation to the LDSA in lieu of attending the gala this year please mail a cheque to: London Down Syndrome Association, PO Box 32022 Commissioners RO. London, ON N6C 0A1 or visit our website: [www.lds.ca](http://www.lds.ca) and click donate. Alternatively, feel free to participate in our Tee-21 Golf Tournament being held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Pine Knot.

We are grateful for your support and partnership. We look forward to building a bigger and better future for the LDSA in 2021.

Kind regards,

*Terri Manning & Norm Askew*

Co-Chairs, 2016 LDSA Gala Committee

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