



PALS Armchair Gala

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14th Annual Virtual Fundraising Event
Benefiting PALS Autism Society and
PALS Adult Services Society
Thursday, April 15, 2021
7:30 - 8:30 pm

RE: Donation Request for Pals Autism Society's 14th Annual *Imagine...gala* virtual fundraiser, April 15, 2021

PALS Autism Society is a registered Canadian charity established in 2006 by 5 enterprising and dedicated mothers who recognized the need for a specialized school for children with autism. PALS School Program was the first independent, special needs school in BC offering year-round education to children with autism ages 5 to 19 years. In 2010, the PALS Adult Program was established to continue the learning process for the older students who needed more individualized instruction to increase their independence and employment opportunities in the community.

1 in 59 children are now diagnosed as having the autism spectrum disorder with diagnoses increasing 100% over the past 10 years. Autism is the fastest growing, most commonly diagnosed neurological disorder. Currently there is no known cause or cure for autism.

Imagine...gala is PALS' annual signature fundraising event benefiting children, adolescents and young adults with autism who attend the school or adult program operated by PALS Autism Society and PALS Adult Services Society. During this event we celebrate the achievements of our students and participants and recognize those who make PALS specialized programming possible.

The goal of *Imagine...gala* is to raise funds to continue the highly specialized programming and therapies available through PALS. With the pandemic, we have experienced significantly reduced fundraising revenue due to the cancellation of our annual onsite gala, golf tournament and third party events. Last year our virtual gala raised over \$210,000 which is 55% lower than our 2019 onsite gala event.

We hope you will consider making a donation of a product, gift certificate or service to PALS 14th Annual *Imagine* Gala virtual fundraiser on Thursday, April 15th. The live one-hour program, will be hosted by Vancouver's auctioneer extraordinaire, Fred Lee. The live event will have an estimated audience of over 400 supporters and will include videos celebrating the achievements of our students and participants, live auction and fund-a-therapy opportunities. The silent auction items will be available for bidding online 14 days before the event and all auction donors will be listed on the site throughout the time period leading up to the event.

At PALS, we are passionate about what we do and in our belief that every individual has strengths and unique qualities and the capacity to have a positive impact on their communities. We hope you will consider the benefits of becoming a donor to PALS *Imagine* Gala. Please contact Katy Harandi at 604.612.9922 or gala@palsautismschool.ca if you have any additional questions or would like to discuss donation opportunities.

With kindest regards,

2021 *Imagine* Gala Committee



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CONTACT INFORMATION		
Recognition Name (company or individual name to be used for silent or live auction listing)		
Contact Name (person responsible for donation)		
Address	City, Province	Postal Code
Email	Contact Telephone	
Website Address (for promotional and informational purposes)		
SILENT/LIVE AUCTION DONATION		
<input type="radio"/> Gift Certificate (vouchers) <input type="radio"/> Merchandise Item Fair Market Value \$ _____		
Donation Description Please provide a full description (size, colour, etc.) and include any photos, digital images of brochures or marketing materials that we may incorporate into our online display.		Restrictions (exchangeability, expiry date, etc.)
		To be included in silent auction, please email donation certificate or contact PALS at (604) 251-7257 to pick up item prior to March 15, 2021.
CASH DONATION		
Cash donation amount \$ _____ Tax receipt will be issued for the full amount of donation. To pay by credit card online, please visit www.palsautismschool.ca or contact Michelle at PALS, 604-251-7257 with credit card information. OR Make cheque payable to PALS Autism Society and mail to PALS, 101 Third Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 2P9		
Would you like a tax receipt? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
If yes, please attach receipt or invoice showing proof of fair market value. Tax receipts will not be issued without proof of value. Tax Receipting Guidelines: Items not eligible for a tax receipt include Gift Certificates donated by a business, any kind of service, items with a celebrity component where the fair market value is not easily determinable. Items eligible for a tax receipt must have an invoice or sales receipt showing value of goods. Gift Certificates purchased by a third party are eligible for a tax receipt with proof of purchase. Donation of items under \$1,000 must have an invoice or sales receipt showing value of goods. Items over \$1,000 must have an appraisal from a qualified independent appraiser. Please be assured that donations received will be receipted where acceptable to CRA. In accordance with CRA guidelines, sponsors who receive logo recognition at the event are receiving a benefit and are not eligible for a tax receipt.		
PALS is a registered charity, Charitable Registration Number 84393 9760 RR0001.		