



Expanding the circle  
of compassionate care  
LET'S BUILD THE NEW DUNDAS MANOR.

## MEDIA RELEASE

November 1, 2023

### **Lively Auctions, Amazing Food and Lots of Fun — We're getting ready to welcome you to Sapphires & Snowflakes on November 18<sup>th</sup>**

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to get ready to welcome our guests to Sapphires & Snowflakes on November 18th. Together, we are helping to build the new Dundas Manor and we can't wait to see you!

Emcee Nancy Farley-Holmes, who is also co-chair of the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign, says there are plenty of surprises planned for the evening: "We want everyone to have a great time and there will be a lot to do – from raffles and games to great entertainment by comedy and singing duo Bowser & Blue — all in support of the new Dundas Manor."

And the food will be great too! We are excited to have Anne Carriere from Simply ME as our personal chef for the event. Anne is planning some special charcuterie boards, filled with delicious nibbles sourced from local farm to table suppliers. And even better news. Many of those local businesses are making donations for the event. "I'm out foraging with my contacts to get the very best prices for this event," notes Anne. "Everyone is being so generous as we all want to help build the new Dundas Manor."

A highlight of the evening will be the live and Fund-A-Need auctions led by the very energetic Ryan E. Watson. Ryan's motto is "have gavel, will travel" and he's been supporting charities across the country for more than 20 years. He uses his experience in the hospitality industry – including several years working on cruise ships – to rev up the crowd and get the bidding going. The live auction will offer everything from homemade embroidered blankets to dinner parties to Senators hockey tickets (complete with parking)!

Ryan will also lead the Fund-A-Need auction to raise funds for a specific item for the new Dundas Manor. "It's my favourite part of the evening and we're all going to feel warm and fuzzy," says Ryan. "Everyone gets involved so get ready for some fun!"

Sapphires & Snowflakes takes place at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. Tickets are \$78 as Dundas Manor opened in 1978. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://Sapphires-Snowflakes-for-Dundas-Manor.eventbrite.ca> or stop by the Foundation office in the hospital lobby.

For more information about the Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care campaign, please visit [www.dundasmanordream.ca](http://www.dundasmanordream.ca) or contact the WDMH Foundation team at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 or 6169.



Cutline: Auctioneer Ryan E. Watson

A vertical event poster with a light blue and white background featuring a subtle snowflake pattern. At the top right, it says "Cocktails & Charcuterie Live Auction". The main title "SAPPHIRES & Snowflakes" is prominently displayed in the center, with a blue diamond icon to the left of "SAPPHIRES" and a snowflake icon to the left of "Snowflakes". Below the title, it says "SATURDAY NOV 18TH 2023" and "DOORS OPEN 6 PM". To the right of the date, it lists the venue "Matilda Hall 4421 Brinston Rd" and "Tickets: \$78/person". Below this, it provides contact information: "email: cpeters@wdmh.on.ca | 343-572-6345" and "Tickets: Sapphires-Snowflakes-for-Dundas-Manor.eventbrite.ca". In the bottom left, there is a circular photo of a man and a woman, with the text "Bowser & Blue" and "Canada's fave comedy and singing duo!" below it. In the bottom right, there is a logo for "WDMH FOUNDATION" with the tagline "Expanding the circle of compassionate care" and "LET'S BUILD THE NEW DUNDAS MANOR." below it. The logo also includes the text "Fundraising for Excellence" and "Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home" and "Windsor-Essex District Hospital".

Cocktails & Charcuterie  
Live Auction

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