



Greetings,

We are excited to announce the return of Our Place's popular Culinary Gala: Hungry Hearts. The event will be presented by PwC in September 2023. This high-profile food competition and television broadcast is considered Victoria's favourite culinary fundraiser. We hope you will consider being a part of the 9th anniversary event.

We truly could not do this without the support of our community. **Please make a contribution to Hungry Hearts and Our Place by donating to our Live or Silent Auctions. We also offer great event sponsorship packages if you would prefer to support the event with a monetary contribution in exchange for very significant marketing opportunities.**

Donating to our auction is an opportunity to raise the profile of your business. Because our silent auction is hosted online, we're able to promote your business and your donated products and services to thousands of people across the region. Our live auction, meanwhile, is attended by civically minded, influential members of our community, who will recognize and value your support. Further, you will be recognized on our event webpage with a link back to your business. We will also thank and acknowledge you in a Times Colonist display ad and on social media.

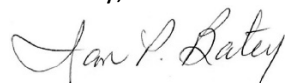
In addition to these marketing benefits, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the money you help us raise will provide thousands of people with a feeling of hope and belonging. You would be funding warm, nutritious meals, counselling, hot showers, free clothing, programming and outreach services to Victoria's most vulnerable. Our Place serves the working poor, the impoverished elderly, the mentally and physically challenged, the addicted, and the homeless.

All funds raised at Hungry Hearts will directly support Our Place and will allow us to meet the critical needs of our most marginalized members of society. Please help us transform the lives of others by making a donation to the event.

We ask that donations be received no later than August 15. However, if you can get them to us sooner it would be incredibly helpful and sincerely appreciated. We can arrange for pickup of your donation with the support of Maximum Express. A donation form is attached to collect all the pertinent information about your business and auction item(s). Please make sure to list your website so we can help promote you! The more you can describe your product(s) or service(s), the better! If you need any additional information, please contact Melissa Mouat at: (Office) 250-940-5065 or by email melissam@ourplacesociety.com.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Sincerely,



Hungry Hearts Event Chair

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