



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, Winnipeg

Centro Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. R3M 0W4

April 30, 2025

RE: Expression of Interest - Sons & Daughters of Italy, 2026 Gala Charity of Choice

Dear Charity / Not-For-Profit:

With the completion of our 2025 Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala which took place on March 15, 2025 at the RBC Convention Centre where we are honoured the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre as the Charity of Choice. This year the dinner raised able to provide a donation of 1.35 Million to the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation to kick start their capital campaign to build the facility that will be housed near the Victoria Hospital. Over 1200 people were in attendance to support and enjoy SDOI hospitality and share a special evening with our special guest Jann Arden. We would like to thank all the hard work and efforts of our entire Gala Committee and the 2025 Charity of Choice to ensure the 37th Annual SDOI Gala is a successful community event.

This is our major fundraising event for the Garibaldi Lodge which allows SDOI to support both our Italian and greater Manitoba community. We begin to plan ahead which allows us the much needed time to make our 2026 Sons and Daughters of Italy Gala a continued success and continue our leadership in our community.

Please find below the criteria and requirements to submit your interest in becoming the 2026 Sons & Daughters of Italy Gala Charity of Choice. Please see our website at sonsanddaughtersofitaly.ca for more information regarding the SDOI Gala. Here you will find previous recipients and how they have benefited from our donations.

General:

- Provide a brief synopsis of the organization's history and primary services offered. If you wish, provide in addition your organizations brochure for more information.
- Include the organization's annual operating budget and identify specific areas where our donated funds will be allocated to.
- Describe how the organization's goals align with the mission of Sons and Daughters of Italy.

About Your Charity/Not-For-Profit

- Does the charity/not-for-profit have a board?
- How many board members does the charity/not-for-profit have?
- Who are the board members of the charity/not-for-profit and their work/organizational affiliation?
- What is the yearly funding total for the charity/not-for-profit:
- <\$100,000 | \$100,000 to \$250,000 | \$250,000 to \$500,000 | \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 | >\$1,000,000
- If possible, please provide last year's profit/loss statement for the organization which includes the yearly funding total for the charity/not-for-profit.
- Does the charity/not-for-profit have a dinner or gala event of their own. If so what month of the year is this event? Provide your funding goals for your event.



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About Your Charity/Not-For-Profit (cont.)

- Are there other individuals or organization who are major sponsors of this charity/not-for-profit?
- Is the charity/not-for-profit a local or national entity?
- Are there other individuals or organization who are national sponsors of this charity/not-for-profit?
- What is the funding request from the charity/not-for-profit (dollar amount expected from the Sons & Daughters of Italy)?

How can your charity/not-for-profit help with the SDOI 2026 Gala to make it a success:

- Describe any efforts/resources offered by the organization that could contribute to the overall success of our Gala.
- How many and what type of auction prizes can the charity/not-for-profit and their board members provide for the Gala event:
- How many sponsorships does the charity/not-for-profit expect to sell (this must be a truthful answer): Please provide justification and potential sponsorship buyers.
- How many tables or tickets does the charity/not-for-profit expect to sell (this must be a truthful answer):
- Does the charity/not-for-profit have the ability to bring in an entertainer (20-30 minute show the evening of the gala):
- Does the charity/not-for-profit have a national spokesperson/celebrity, if so who is it and their affiliation to the charity/not-for-profit:

Please submit your expression of interest by emailing dinneradmin@sonsofitaly.ca no later than May 28, 2025. The recipient of the 2026 SDOI Gala Charity of Choice will be announced in the summer or early fall of 2025.

Thank you for your interest. If you have already submitted an application for the 2025 SDOI Gala, there is no need to resubmit unless you wish to update your information. If your organization is not selected as the 2026 Charity of Choice, your application will remain on file for consideration for the next two years.

Yours truly,

Carmine Zirino
President
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