



Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Garibaldi Lodge, Winnipeg, MB

RE: Expression of Interest – 2027 Sons & Daughters of Italy Gala Charity of Choice

The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Garibaldi Lodge, is pleased to invite expressions of interest from charitable and not-for-profit organizations wishing to be considered as the **2027 Gala Charity of Choice**. This annual Gala is our signature fundraising event, enabling us to support both the Italian community and the broader Manitoba community through meaningful contributions and partnerships.

To assist us in evaluating your application, please provide the following information:

General Information

- A brief synopsis of your organization's history and the primary services offered. You may also include a brochure or supporting materials.
- Your organization's annual operating budget, with specific areas identified where Gala proceeds would be allocated.
- A description of how your organization's goals align with the mission of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Governance and Financials

- Confirmation of whether your organization has a board of directors.
- The number of board members, including their names and professional affiliations.
- Your organization's yearly funding total (select one):
 - < \$100,000
 - \$100,000 – \$250,000
 - \$250,000 – \$500,000
 - \$500,000 – \$1,000,000
 - \$1,000,000
- If available, please provide last year's profit/loss statement.

- Information on whether your organization hosts its own gala or fundraising dinner, including timing and funding goals.

Sponsorship and Support

- Identification of major sponsors (local and/or national) currently supporting your organization.
- The funding request amount your organization would expect from the Sons and Daughters of Italy.
- Details on how your organization can contribute to the success of the 2027 Gala, including:
 - Auction prizes your board or members could provide.
 - Sponsorships you anticipate securing, with justification and potential sponsor names.
 - Tables or tickets you expect to sell.
 - Ability to provide an entertainer for a 20–30 minute performance during the Gala.
 - Availability of a national spokesperson or celebrity affiliated with your organization.

Please submit your completed expression of interest by **May 29, 2026** to **gala@sonsanddaughtersofitaly.org**. The selected Charity of Choice will be announced in summer or early fall 2026.

If you have previously submitted an application for the 2026 Gala, you do not need to resubmit unless you wish to update your information. Applications not selected for 2027 will remain on file for consideration for the following two years.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to learning more about your organization's impact in our community.