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Message from the Honorary Chair 2009

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Welcome, everyone, to the 10th Annual Afternoon of Vintages and Jazz, hosted by the York Region Learning Disabilities Association.

As Director of Education for one of Ontario's largest and most successful public school districts, I am passionate about learning and increasing learning success for every student.

One thing I've learned is that all learners are unique, and that unlocking the gifts of those with learning disabilities unlocks their full potential. In fact, as many as one in ten Ontario residents has a learning disability. Each one of them requires some measure of support or assistance to achieve the learning success most of us take for granted.

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region provides public awareness of learning disabilities as well as support, services and advocacy for those with special learning needs and their families.

As Honorary Chair of this year's Vintages and Jazz event, it is my great pleasure to recognize the many hard-working volunteers and generous sponsors who have once again made this event possible. I know you will join me in thanking and congratulating them on a decade of success in putting together this delightful celebration of the senses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hogarth".

Bill Hogarth
Director of Education