



Huron-Perth Centre

Strengthening individuals & families since 1977

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Laurence Guaci, Assistant Conductor
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Dear Lawrence, Charlie, Leslie and the members of the SCB:

Please accept our deepest thanks for naming the Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth as the recipient for this year's Bandarama. The event was impressive, well organized and garnering fabulous community presence and support. The donation of \$1231.07 (recount) is a wonderful gift and will be directed to our capital campaign to develop new space for the Stratford Office. Funds raised for this emerging one time cost of new space will help us continue to direct operating dollars to our highest priority, service to children and youth. Over the last 19 years there have only been two funding increases to help us manage rising costs so community support makes a huge difference to us.

Of equal importance, the event offered a way for youth and the community to become engaged around a matter that needs to be a priority for our communities. The opportunity to have a few moments devoted to the issue of children's mental health has a far reaching impact on the need for that public awareness and recognition of the seriousness of the issues. Please know that having our youth advocate speak candidly about her personal journey with mental health issues, we know that her words have touched several young people already. Watch for more information on our provincial advocacy campaign "Taking a Stand for Children's Mental Health".

In deep appreciation,


Terri Sparling, CEO