



Central Okanagan Hospice Association Annual Fundraiser 🎉 Swinging with the Stars

The Central Okanagan Hospice Association (COHA) is seeking donations for our online auction as part of our annual Swinging With the Stars Fundraiser taking place on February 25, 2023. We're currently looking for community partners to help make the events online auction a success. Swinging with the Stars is a blast and always brings together some of Kelowna's brightest lights for a night of dinner, dancing, and fundraising. Most importantly however, by supporting this event you are helping create a community where no one has to die or grieve alone.

We are reaching out today to ask if your business would kindly donate to our online auction. This auction will be 'live' and launch on February 1, 2023 and close on February 28, 2023. We will be marketing the auction through our social media channels, through our media partners (Castanet, Kelowna Capital News, AM1150), and COHA's email database. Donors will be named in the online auction in the description as a donor and thank yous will be shared regularly through our communication channels.

Your donation to our auction will help provide no cost grief and bereavement support to children, youth, and adults, COHA has seen a dramatic increase from people of all ages in needing the use of our services. In the first eight months of 2022 COHA has seen the following:

- Grief and Bereavement Services have increased by 43% over last year. With COHA's expansion of our children and youth services a gap is being met with the diversity of offerings.
- Palliative care services have increased 45% over last year. There are many varying factors and reduction in COVID restrictions has made a difference.
- Building volunteer capacity to support and sustain our services is vital. Training more volunteers is important and required to support access to services.

At COHA, our mission is to serve the social, psychological, and emotional needs of the dying and the grieving. Swinging with the Stars is an important part of how we raise the funds to do that. The event webpage is below, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

hospicecoha.org/special-events/swinging-with-the-stars-2023