

PROGRAM



ONCE IN A BLUE  
**MOON**<sup>TM</sup>

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

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# Welcome



## TO ONCE IN A BLUE MOON™

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Once in a Blue Moon™ Charity Event in support of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre of Kelowna. At long last, we come together this evening to celebrate the courage of survivors, the resilience of families, and the unwavering strength of a community of supporters committed to lighting the way for their hope and healing.

As a parent raising my family here in the Okanagan, I was struck by the extent to which child abuse and neglect impact our local community when I first learned of the work of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre. It is painful to imagine someone harming an innocent child and even more distressing to learn just how many children and youth in our valley the Centre serves. No child should have to walk through the darkness of abuse, yet each day the CYAC opens its doors to children and families in need of their support.

The Centre is a beacon of hope for our community's most vulnerable, helping cast off the shadow of abuse to restore dignity, trust, and self-worth to the courageous children and youth it serves. Wrapping a blanket of support around young survivors and their loved ones, it helps whole families to heal and works toward a safer and healthier Okanagan for our children and grandchildren.

Over the past year, our community of supporters has truly embodied the spirit of the Blue Moon. You have held fast to your commitment to the CYAC with warmth and grace, lighting the way forward for the children and families who walk through its doors in their time of need. I am so deeply grateful to all of you. Healing happens together, and together we are working towards a future where every child is safe, believed, and nurtured.

Sincerely,  
**Rhonda Hymers**



**Wealth Management**  
Dominion Securities

Hymers Private Wealth

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AS THE  
*Moon*  
RISES

- 5:00 PM Savour fresh, seasonal appetizers while you mingle with old friends and new during our cocktail reception.
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- 6:15 PM Take in the spectacular vineyard view as we gather for an inspired, wine-paired dinner on the patio, featuring the best of the valley's seasonal bounty with a nod to classic French cuisine.
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- 7:30 PM Make your way to the Amphitheatre for words of Courage and Community and music from acclaimed trumpeter Jens Lindemann as we enjoy something sweet for dessert.  
**Join us for a moment of giving honouring the profound courage of young survivors and the village of supporters who light their path to healing.**
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- 9:15 PM Award-winning international vocal group The Tenors take the stage performing their songs of Hope and Healing.
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- 10:15 PM Whether you relax and enjoy a night cap or dance the night away, please stay with us for an After Party in the Lounge with late night nibbles and music from the Shannon Gaye & Kristian Alexandrov Trio.





# THE *Venue*



It is with deep gratitude that we welcome you to O'Rourke Family Estate. A longtime Carr's Landing resident, visionary developer Dennis O'Rourke is passionate about the region and its potential. Built on outcropping of 140-million-year-old granite, the Estate is an ode to the area's natural history as well as its future, cementing Lake Country as one of Canada's premier tourism destinations.

Overlooking Okanagan Lake from its mountainside perch, you will experience natural beauty alongside modern elegance as you preview Canada's most anticipated destinations. Boasting 340-acres of orchards, vineyards, and rolling mountains, the Estate is inspired by Europe's most famous wineries. Yet, this is a property that goes beyond wine to capture the full potential of its magnificent landscape, above and below the surface.

To complement the topography, world-class accommodations, fine dining, and event spaces have been designed to fit seamlessly into the mountainside by renowned California architect John Taft of Backen & Backen. Meanwhile, vintages wait to emerge at the perfect moment in the Estate's 12,000 square-foot cave space. Having already won awards for the Estate's Pinot Noir, Head Winemaker Nikki Calloway knows exactly when each wine is ready for its moment in the sun.

Combining the best that the Okanagan has to offer - soil and water, past and present - O'Rourke Family Estate is building a future that is more than the sum of its parts.





THE *Food*

**Appetizers** *with cocktails by Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery*

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CHEF ROD BUTTERS

Rod Butters has been the Chef and Co-Owner of many acclaimed Okanagan restaurants since 2001. As a pioneer of regional cuisine, he committed himself to the mantra, "Support local, buy local, eat and drink local," long before it became trendy. Rod's book, *The Okanagan Table: The Art of Everyday Home Cooking* is a Canadian best-seller and Gourmand World Cookbook winner.

**Mains** *with wines carefully paired by O'Rourke Family Estate*

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CHEF JEREMY TUCKER

Born and raised in PEI and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of Canada in Charlottetown, Jeremy Tucker has honed his craft in luxury mountain lodges and notable restaurants including NYC's James Beard House. Now leading the food program at Peak Cellars' Garden Bistro, Jeremy describes his cuisine as, "Locally sourced, classically inspired, honest and delicious."

**Desserts**

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CHEF SANDRINE RAFFAULT

A third-generation pâtissier and chocolatier, Sandrine Raffault was born and trained in Beaujolais, France before moving to Kelowna where she has carried on her family tradition for over 20 years. Combining traditional recipes and au courant techniques, Sandrine's dedication to her craft have made her namesake pastry shop a local institution for its decadent selection of desserts. Kelowna's Original French Patisserie.



# THE *Entertainment*

## THE TENORS

Award-winning international vocal group The Tenors bring their inspirational music of Hope, Healing, and Harmony to the Amphitheatre for a powerful concert experience. Made up of four incredible musicians, they have been thrilling millions of fans across the globe for nearly two decades with a distinctive sound that reimagines iconic hits and blends classical music, contemporary pop, classic rock, folk and inspired, self-penned original songs.



## JENS LINDEMANN

Internationally acclaimed brass soloist Jens Lindemann presents “Brassfire” – an epic, energized concert experience highlighting the history of trumpet music. With his exceptional musicianship and sensitivity, Jens explores the full emotional range of his instrument, from lyrical haunting melodies to blistering bravado. In addition to performing, we welcome Jens to the stage as MC for this evening.



## THE SHANNON GAYE & KRISTIAN ALEXANDROV TRIO

Stay with us for an After Party Dance Set from Vancouver-based recording artists Shannon Gaye and Kristian Alexandrov, whose award-winning compositions have been heard in film, television, and on stages across North America and Europe. Paying homage to trailblazing female artists from Etta James to Amy Winehouse, their melodic mix of classic and contemporary Blues, Soul, and R&B will keep us dancing as moonlight washes over the vineyards.





THE  
*Why*

Even when we can't see it, the Moon is with us. It is our constant companion, orchestrating the ebb and flow of our tides, the length of our days, and the rhythm of our seasons. And while its cadences provide us with structure and stability – a sense of safety in this vast universe – we tend to take it for granted. We put our heads down and get to work, building families and businesses, caught up in the pace of everyday life. Yet, the Moon is there above us doing its work without fanfare, content to reflect the light of another. It persists, in its gentle but powerful way, moving us forward from day to night and season to season.



Likewise, the CYAC persists with work that most members of our community do not see: giving hope to little ones who should never have had theirs stolen and healing wounds that should never have been inflicted in the first place. I wish we lived in a world where we could take for granted that every child is safe and cared for, but sadly that is not the case. For the children and families in our community who need our help, the CYAC is here – reflecting the light that shines within every child and every person who cares enough about the wellbeing of children to stand with them in their darkest hour.

Thank you for being one of those people, for standing with our community's children and shining your light when they need it the most. It is reflected in the heart of every child who gains the strength to share their truth, to move forward on life's journey with dignity and self-worth and with hope for the future. It is reflected in the heart of every caregiver who feels the collective strength of this community of support, so that they may be strong for those who depend on them.

Together, we can make their futures brighter.

**Ginny Becker**

Executive Director



CHILD & YOUTH  
ADVOCACY  
CENTRE  
of Kelowna



# Without YOU...

... **W**hen she summons the courage to speak her difficult truth, she finds herself in a place built for intimidation, not comfort, for offenders, not children. She walks past police cars and tall fences; she sees officers in uniforms with guns at their sides. She stares up at strangers through bulletproof glass and makes her way down a sterile, noisy hallway to be questioned about the ugly thing that happened to her. ***She feels afraid.***

... **T**he call of her courage echoes, searching for an answer. Heavy with the weight of her difficult truth, she and her caregiver are forced to self-navigate a fractured and complicated system. Not knowing how or where to begin, they feel overwhelmed as they try to find support to help them heal. With each twist and turn of the system, she is burdened with an increasing sense of guilt. “Is this my fault? Did I do wrong?” ***She feels ashamed.***

... **W**hen her thoughts keep returning to her most painful memories and her sleep is plagued by dark nightmares, she is asked to put her mental health on hold. She sits on the waitlists for counselling and supports as her wellbeing deteriorates, avoiding the friends and activities that once brought her joy. She withdraws from school, family, and all the things she once loved. ***She is suffering.***



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BECAUSE  
OF

*You...*

...Every person in this room tonight.

...Every person who chooses to listen.

...Every person who chooses to care.

...Every person who chooses to give.

...The story is changing for children and youth in our community who have lived through the darkness of abuse and neglect.

Your incredible support of the Once in a Blue Moon™ Event makes you a part of the story of every child who walks through the doors of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre of Kelowna. Because of you, it is a story of hope.

As a charitable organization, we simply cannot be there for children in their most vulnerable moments without people like you standing beside us. Together, we can make their futures brighter.

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**As you read on, we invite you to learn how you are helping  
to change the story for these children.**

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BECAUSE  
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We are incredibly proud to be able to partner with the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre. No child should be impacted by abuse and neglect, but for those who are the CYAC provides hope and a safe space where there otherwise is none. We can't think of a better cause to support.”

*~ Jamie Kaban*



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When I think of the statistics of child abuse and look at the three amazing girls in our home and their countless friends, it terrifies me to know that statistically, more than one of them will be impacted by abuse in their childhood. If I am unable to stop this trauma, the very least I can do is to try to help survivors rise above the adversity, heal, and become successful adults. The Child & Youth Advocacy Centre's approach to helping the vulnerable children who come through their doors moved me deeply. Supporting this amazing team of professionals is the very least that I can do.”

*~ Jillian White*

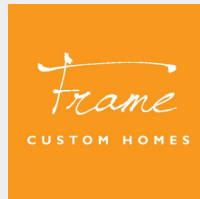




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It is important to us to support great local causes including those working to improve the lives of children and families in our home communities. We are honoured to support the CYAC and the work they do in providing important services to children and youth in need.”

~ Corey Parks



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Our tour of the CYAC left us not only in awe of the amazing work being done there, but also inspired us to want to help ensure a positive path forward for the future of these children.”

~ Bill & Paula Frame

... *W*hen she finds the courage to speak her truth, she comes to a place where she feels safe and supported: a place built just for her, where she is welcomed with the warmth and compassion she deserves. A place where she can finally unburden herself of a weight no child should have to carry. *Here, her healing journey begins.*



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**JANE HOFFMAN**  
REALTY



The Child & Youth Advocacy Centre stands as a beacon of light for our community's most vulnerable. With a dedicated team of professionals, they've created a safe haven embracing children in the midst of unimaginable circumstances. It's our honour to support their vision and the profound impact they have on the lives of children in our local community."

*~ Jane Hoffman*



Children are the future. They are also the most vulnerable citizens in our society. As a people and as a community, we must invest everything we can to nurture, protect, and support them."

*~ Nicole Begrund-Fast*





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We believe that given the appropriate resources, a child who has experienced abuse will have the opportunity to flourish to have a positive future and become a thriving adult. In supporting the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre, we are proud to play a role in this healing process. Our community is stronger when every child has a safe place to find the help and hope they deserve.”

~ Rick & Margot Sentes



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Our support of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre reflects our commitment to the greater Kelowna community in which we live, work, and build. It serves as a vital support system for local children and families, and embodies the corporate values of Bird Construction.”

~ Rob Otway

... The call of her courage is met with the answer it deserves: “We believe you. We are here, working together, to keep you safe and to help you heal.” Under one child-friendly roof, our team of highly skilled professionals is waiting for her. Together, they work side by side to put her needs first and foremost – where they ought to be. *Here, she has a team.*



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We believe that spaces have the power to change lives for the better, to make communities stronger. The Child & Youth Advocacy Centre of Kelowna is doing just that, one child and one family at a time, helping our community's most vulnerable members at their most vulnerable moments. We are honoured to support this incredible place and the life-changing work that happens there.”

*~ Brian Quiring*

**Tommy Gun's**  
original barbershop

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Every child has the right to be safe, loved, and protected. While it is heartbreaking to learn just how many children and youth in our community are impacted by abuse and neglect, we are so thankful that the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre and its team are there to provide them with hope and a safe place to heal. It is incredibly meaningful to us to support the Centre's vision and play a role in helping these children.”

*~ Ken & Janine Fisher*



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## Kelowna BMW

Trust means a great deal to us, and with trust comes responsibility. For us, that means giving back to the communities where we live, work, and raise our families. In learning about the critical need for the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre's services, we feel a responsibility to do what we can for their team and the children and families who come through their doors in need of help. It is a privilege to support this work.”

~ Brian Johnston

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As a third-generation family company, children are at the heart of why we do what we do. We are very proud to support the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre to make a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families in their time of need. No child should be impacted by abuse or neglect, but we are so thankful the Centre is there for those who are.”

~ Ryan Chambers & Family

... She receives the healthcare she needs in the community where she lives, and in the same place she already feels safe and supported. When she first meets her healthcare team, she feels like the abuse she experienced is written all over her face, that her body is defective. The doctor tells her, “You are okay, your body is okay.” With each checkup, these words feel more like the truth. ***Here, she finds hope.***



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### **Transformational Gifts:**

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Our deepest gratitude to the following families and organizations for making a Transformational Gift in honour of Once in a Blue Moon™. The impact of your generosity is profound and far-reaching. Your legacy lights the path forward to a brighter tomorrow for survivors, their families, and our community.”

~ Rhonda Hymers, Hymers Private Wealth of RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

THE STOBER FOUNDATION

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THE FRIESEN FAMILY

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RHONDA & JASON HYMERS

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RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC.

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TOM & DEBRA MAURO



## To our VIP Supporters:



Thanks to you, the Once in a Blue Moon™ Event has sold out at the VIP Level in its very first iteration. This evening, you are making a powerful difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families in the Okanagan. We are so thrilled by your support and incredibly proud of Rhonda Hymers and her team for rallying the community around this important cause."

~ David Agnew, CEO, RBC Wealth Management Canada

... *W*hen she is haunted by her most painful memories, her mental health is treated in the same place as the rest of her healthcare needs are met. She and her loved ones receive the counselling they need to move forward when they need it most: right away. While she starts to break down the walls she built up to survive the trauma she experienced, her family builds resilience to help carry the weight of her truth. ***Here, they are healing.***



# Thank YOU

Thank you to the following for making this event possible:

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- Jenny McAlpine

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She feels safe again. She finds hope again. She is healing. Your support this evening makes it possible to expand the programs and services available to her and all of the children she represents. With you by their side, these children will benefit from:

- Expanded access to an on-site psychologist and trauma-informed counsellors for the treatment of PTSD, which impacts more than half of children and youth coming to the Centre.
- A purpose-built Sensory Room to support emotional regulation and therapeutic engagement, enhancing the impact of our mental health services.
- Investment in state-of-the-art forensic medical equipment for minimally invasive assessment of injuries related to child abuse and neglect.
- The security to share their story and the strength of a highly trained team dedicated to ensuring that their next chapter is one of resilience, hope, and healing.

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**Thank you for being by our side in this life-changing work.  
To learn how you can deepen your impact this evening,  
please turn the page.**

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AN  
*Invitation*  
TO GIVE

To make a gift this evening or to deepen your commitment to the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre of Kelowna, you may choose to:

1

**Give by Cheque:**

- Please make cheques payable to the Child Advocacy Centre of Kelowna.
- Enclose your cheque in the envelope of your Giving Card, with side 1 completed, to ensure we have your contact information to follow up.

2

**Make a Gift by Credit Card:**

- Scan the QR code to give from the comfort of your table, or
- Complete Sides 1 and 2 of your Giving Card for your Table Concierge to return to our Team.



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**Work with our Team:** Our onsite team are available to discuss alternative methods of giving including Gifts of Securities. Your Table Concierge will be happy to connect you.

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