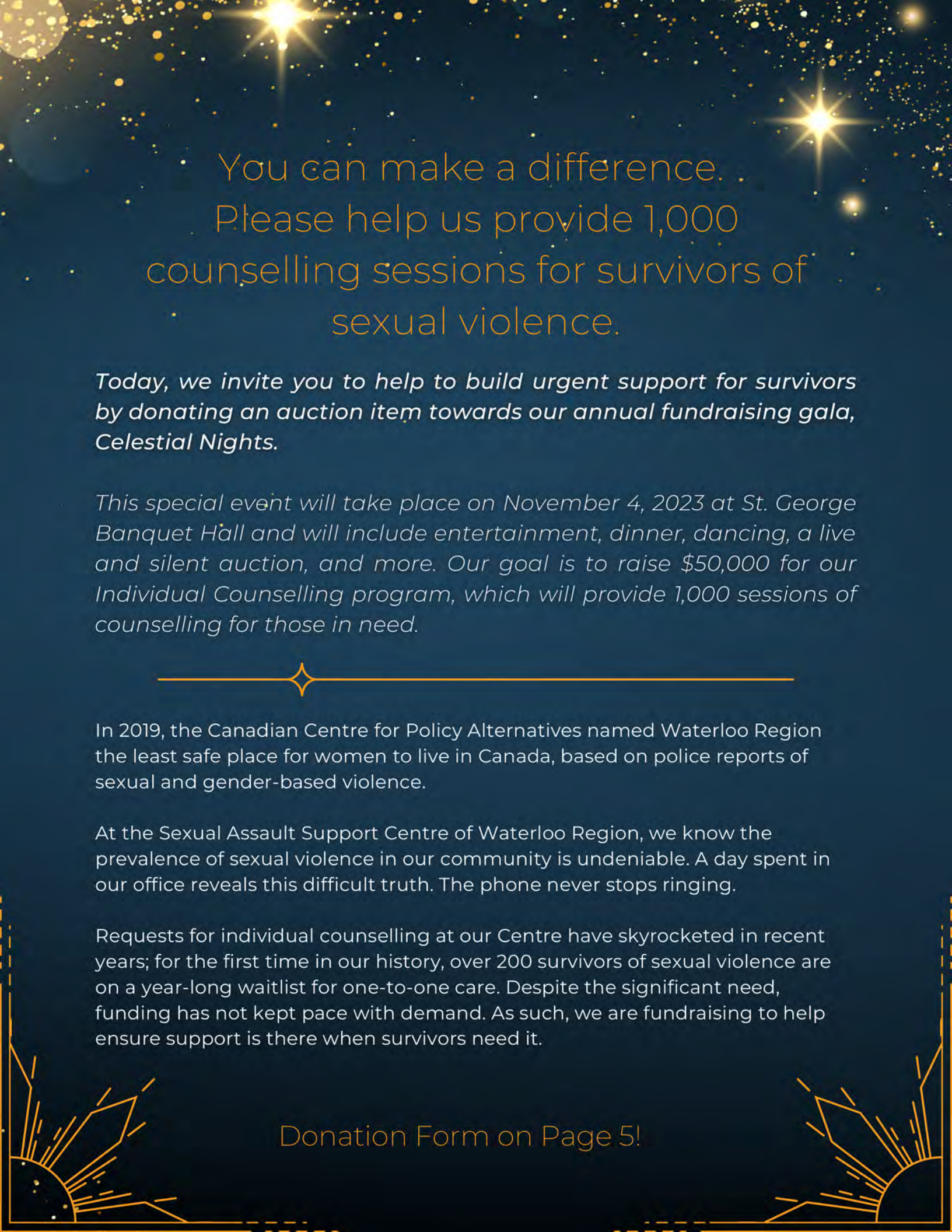# CELESTIAL NIGHTS

SASC'S ANNUAL GALA

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023
ST. GEORGE BANQUET HALL | WATERLOO, ON

"The desire to reach the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is wise and most possible."
- Maya Angelou

sasc SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT CENTRE OF WATERLOO REGION

You can make a difference. Please help us provide 1,000 counselling sessions for survivors of sexual violence.

Today, we invite you to help to build urgent support for survivors by donating an auction item towards our annual fundraising gala, Celestial Nights.

This special event will take place on November 4, 2023 at St. George Banquet Hall and will include entertainment, dinner, dancing, a live and silent auction, and more. Our goal is to raise $50,000 for our Individual Counselling program, which will provide 1,000 sessions of counselling for those in need.

In 2019, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives named Waterloo Region the least safe place for women to live in Canada, based on police reports of sexual and gender-based violence.

At the Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region, we know the prevalence of sexual violence in our community is undeniable. A day spent in our office reveals this difficult truth. The phone never stops ringing.

Requests for individual counselling at our Centre have skyrocketed in recent years; for the first time in our history, over 200 survivors of sexual violence are on a year-long waitlist for one-to-one care. Despite the significant need, funding has not kept pace with demand. As such, we are fundraising to help ensure support is there when survivors need it.

As an auction donor, we'll promote your company as one that *invests* in the people who live in our community.

Your support can include donations of new items, gift certificates or experiences valued at $100 and up.

Please see the next page for more information!

Donor Recognition

Auction donors will receive promotion and recognition via the following methods:

- Name listed in event program
- Name listed on website and online auction platform
- Social media recognition
- Formal thank you letter post-event

Donation Examples:

We encourage businesses to donate items that best represent their company. Individual donors are also welcome to make a contribution. Here are some examples of popular items from past auctions:

- Experiences (Event Tickets, Lessons, Dinners, Tours, Trips/Travel)
- Gift Baskets
- Retail Items (Home Goods/Sporting Goods/Electronics/Food/Wine)
- Unique Items (Signed Merch, Custom Artwork, Handmade Items)
- Gift Certificates

Auction Donation Form

Your completed form can be emailed to: donations@sascwr.org.

Donated items can be mailed or dropped off to:
300-151 Frederick Street, Kitchener Ontario, N2H 2M2
Drop-offs can be made during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Company Name:
Contact Name:
Street Address:
City/Province:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Anonymous Donation (Y/N):
Donation Description:

Fair Market Value:
Note: This information helps us with setting minimum bid information

Delivery Method:
Let us know if you'd like this item picked up, or if you prefer to drop it off or mail it.

Delivery Date:
An estimated date for donation delivery is appreciated for planning purposes, but not required.

Contact Information

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For more than 30 years, SASC has been a place of healing and hope for survivors of sexual violence in Waterloo Region.

We provide wrap-around support including counselling, support groups/workshops, and accompaniments to court, the hospital, and the police station. We're available any time of the day or night through our 24 Hour Support Line. We support all genders, 16 years of age and older, who have experienced sexual assault at any point in their lives. We advocate at the individual and systemic levels to create change

We cannot do this vital work without you. Please join us as an auction donor for our 2023 fundraising gala, Celestial Nights!

Thank-you.