

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

EVENT: **Children at Risk 21st Annual Celebrity-Carved Pumpkin Contest**

WHAT: Local Celebrities, Politicians, Media Personalities and community-minded businesses will “carve for the cause” – in the name of Autism! Over **100 pumpkins** will be transformed to Jack-O-Lantern works of art for one of Ottawa’s most popular, annual, seasonal fundraising events! Helping to raise funds for Autistic children, Celebrity-Carvers include **City of Ottawa Mayor & Councillors, Ottawa Senators, Ottawa 67’s, RedBlacks & Fury, local MP & MPP’s, Sports Alumni Jock Climie & Shaun Van Allen** – as well as many **Local Businesses** - to name just a few. You can vote for the best pumpkin or your favourite personality by donating your spare change, as well as bidding on Pumpkin Prize Packages (on-site & on-line www.childrenatrisk.ca)

VONALITY ONLINE CHARITY AUCTIONS

Support **Children at Risk** and join the fight against Autism!

WHEN: Thursday, October 20 to Sunday, October 23, 2016

WHERE: Merivale Mall, Carlingwood Shopping Centre, Place d’Orléans and Lincoln Fields

WHY: For over 37 years, **Children at Risk** has been helping children diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders & their families in the Ottawa Region. October is Autism Awareness Month and, to recognize this, **Children at Risk** will be hosting the pumpkin displays. Proceeds will fund **Community-Based Special Projects** such as our Summer Camp, **Camp Kaleidoscope**, Family Support Groups, Information Seminars and Educational Training Workshops - assists solely supported by fundraising and donations. To date, this event has raised **\$126,617!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Brenda Reisch at 613-261-4442

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: JOIN US AT 10 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20,
MERIVALE MALL (Farm Boy court) AS THE CELEBRITIES BRING IN THEIR PUMPKINS!
OTTAWA MUSICIAN DANIELLE ALLARD & OSEG MASCOTS WILL BE PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!**

Note: **SOME SPACES STILL LEFT FOR CELEBRITY-CARVERS – CALL US!!**

Oct 6, 2015