

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EVENT:** **Children at Risk 22nd 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 Champions, Ottawa 67’s, RedBlacks & Fury, local MP’s & MPP’s, Sports Alumni, the Ottawa New Year’s Eve Charity Ball** – 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](http://www.childrenatrisk.ca))

## **VONALITY** ONLINE CHARITY AUCTIONS

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 26 to Sunday, October 29, 2017

**WHERE:** Merivale Mall, Carlingwood Shopping Centre, Place d’Orléans and Billings Bridge

**WHY:** For over 38 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 **\$139,612!**

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

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

**JOIN US AT 10 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, MERIVALE MALL (center court)**

**AS THE CELEBRITIES BRING IN THEIR PUMPKINS!**

Oct 17, 2017

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