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Homsa Opportunity Program in Education

FOR REFUGEE WOMEN

A Unique Advertising Opportunity!

HOMSA-Ottawa and CFUW-Ottawa Club are inviting you to a unique opportunity to donate an item or experience and change lives.

We are raising funds to create endowed university scholarships in Ottawa for those women whose hopes and dreams for an education and better future were cut short, when they fled their homelands.

A Gala Dinner is being organized for May 14, 2022 at the Shaw Centre. Tickets are \$150 pp. Tax receipts will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost.

Your Business or organization can be a part of this exciting legacy project by making a generous donation to our silent auction.

We would like to solicit quality items or experiences. A tax receipt may be given for the fair market value of your donation.

We would be pleased to advertise your generosity both before and at the event.

In the past, the auction has included cottage rentals, flight over Ottawa, design makeovers, spa experiences, get away packages to 1000 Islands and Prince Edward County, original paintings by local artists, lunches with politicians, gift certificates & vouchers for passes for the theatre, musical concerts, airline lounges and restaurants; as well as cooking classes, Redblack football tickets, jewelry, autographed books by author, 'One of a Kind' items and much more.

Every item or experience is important in helping us reach our goal!

If you have an item or an experience that you can donate, or an inquiry, please contact Saeid Toukhi

saeid.toukhi@hotmail.com 613-229-9474

if you would like to attend the event and purchase ticket sales please reach us at:

tickets.hopedineer@gmail.com

Tickets will be on sale until May 6th, 2022.

Your generosity will be very much appreciated!

Thank you in advance for your support!



HOPE Initiative Brief
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The Heads of Mission Spouses Association (HOMSA) in Ottawa is a social support group for the spouses and partners of Ambassadors and High Commissioners posted to Canada. HOMSA has recently celebrated 25 years of existence during which it has established fruitful relations with its Canadian environment, embracing its diversity but also contributing to its enrichment through the experience and knowledge of HOMSA members. Throughout the years, our association has contributed to causes deemed important to the wellbeing of those living in Canada.

This year, the crisis in Afghanistan, and the ensuing refugee situation in Canada and around the world, has opened discussions on the plight of those displaced from their countries and having to adapt to difficult circumstances in their new homes. Struggling with multiple demands, education often lagged behind on the need spectrum, leaving refugees with shattered dreams, diminished opportunities and limited access to higher education. Unfortunately, the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan was soon followed by equally distressing situation in Europe and it was clear that safety nets would have to be established to mitigate the human impacts on affected people.

In response to this situation, and with regard to access to education, HOMSA in association with the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and the International Club of Ottawa (ICO) is seeking to raise funds for the benefit of refugees, with a focus on women, who settle in Canada and wish to attend university. The HOPE initiative (*Homsa Opportunity Programme in Education*) is to establish endowed scholarships with participating universities in Ottawa to empower affected refugee women to pursue their dreams towards a better future. It is a legacy that will keep offering opportunities for the most vulnerable throughout the coming years.

In order to raise the necessary resources to bring this initiative to life, a Gala dinner will take place on May 14th, during which Ms. Sally Armstrong, an award winning author, journalist and human rights activist will be giving a keynote speech on the impact of education on human life with a focus on war torn context and humanitarian crisis.

Contribution to the establishment of the endowed scholarship for refugee women can be through attendance of the Gala dinner, sponsorship or donations. Further details available through the event invitation and sponsorship letters.

For more information, please email

- Info.hopedinner@gmail.com (Information and sponsorship)
- Auction.hopedinner@gmail.com (silent auction)



FOR REFUGEE WOMEN

Keynote speaker

Ms. Sally Armstrong O.C.

Gala Dinner

MAY 14 2022



TRILLIUM BALLROOM - SHAW CENTRE

7:00 PM

DRESS CODE : FORMAL BLACK TIE / BUSINESS ATTIRE
PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED

Raising funds for scholarships to
enable refugee women to attend
university in Ottawa

TICKETS \$150 PER PERSON

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER

Tax receipts will be issued

On behalf of **HOMSA** and its partners, you are warmly invited to attend this black-tie, **gala dinner** at one of Ottawa's most prestigious venues.

Through your **generosity** and that of our sponsors, **women's lives** can be changed through **education**. Come and hear our guest speaker **Ms. Sally Armstrong** speak of her experiences in Afghanistan to learn more about the impact of education on women's lives.

Ottawa has become home to hundreds of **refugees** from Afghanistan. For many refugee women, their hopes and dreams of **education** have been severed. Sadly, there will be more refugee **women** from other countries seeking to make Canada their new home.

Sally Armstrong

JOURNALIST

SPEAKER

AUTHOR



Photo: Peter Bregg

Sally Armstrong is sometimes called "the war correspondent for the world's women." She's also known as "La Talibanista." She's a journalist who covers zones of conflict. Her beat is to find out what happens to women and girls.

An award winning author, journalist and human rights activist, she was the 2019 Massey Lecturer. She is a four-time winner of the Amnesty International Canada Media Award. She holds ten honorary doctorate degrees and is an officer of the Order of Canada. Armstrong was the first journalist to bring the story of the women of Afghanistan to the world and is relentless when it comes to exposing the abuse of women whether on an American university campus or a village in a war zone.

Source : sallyarmstrong.ca

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HOMSA and CFUW-Ottawa invite you to a unique opportunity to become a sponsorship partner and change lives.

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The HOPE Gala Dinner is being organized for May 14, 2022, at the Shaw Centre. Tickets are \$150. If you would like to purchase tickets to attend, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ypjssznm>. Tax receipts will be issued for a portion of the ticket cost.

Your organization can be a part of this exciting legacy project by **making a generous donation of your choosing, through the following packages of support**. Tax receipts will be given for the eligible portion.

Alternatively, you may wish to contribute to our silent auction with an item or experience. For all inquiries about sponsorship or support of any kind please reach us at: info.hopedinner@gmail.com. Many thanks in advance for your consideration of support.

Sponsorship packages	Amount	Details
Gold	\$15,000 CAD	<i>This will ensure that your organization is our prime sponsorship partner. We will be honored to offer you four free tickets to the event, exposure of your logo on all our social media and printed materials, exclusive display of banners in the Trillium Ballroom, inclusion of your logo in all audio visual presentations.</i>
Silver	\$10,000 CAD	<i>This will ensure that your organization is a significant partner. We will be honored to offer you two free tickets to the event, exposure of your logo on all our social media and printed materials.</i>
Bronze	\$7,500 CAD	<i>This will ensure that your organization is a recognized partner. We will be honored to offer you two free tickets to the event, exposure of your logo on the programme for the event.</i>
Black	\$5,000 CAD	<i>This will ensure your logo is featured on our printed info and in the programme for the evening. A free ticket to the event will be yours to enjoy.</i>
Green	\$2,500 CAD	<i>This will ensure your logo is featured on the evening's programme.</i>
Red	\$1,000 CAD	<i>This will ensure that your logo is featured on the evening's printed info.</i>