

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

CIVIC HOTEL AUTOGRAPH  
COLLECTION

13475 CENTRAL AVE  
SURREY

6PM - 9PM



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**CHEFS  
CHARITY  
DINNER**





# 12TH ANNUAL CHEFS CHARITY DINNER

We can't wait to welcome you on Saturday, November 8 at the Civic Hotel Autograph Collection in Surrey for an unforgettable evening of gourmet cuisine, entertainment, and community impact.

Indulge in a unique tasting experience as our talented guest chefs craft signature dishes using recovered food, transforming sustainability into culinary excellence.

Enjoy live entertainment, take part in our exclusive silent auction, and connect with others who share a passion for making a difference.

All funds raised will directly support our trauma-informed, no-barrier counselling programs for at-risk youth in Surrey and across Metro Vancouver.

Spend the evening with friends, family, and colleagues while showing your commitment to empowering marginalized young people in our community.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Chefs Charity Dinner and celebrating your support.

Barbara Coates  
Executive Director





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# BECOME A SPONSOR

## 12TH ANNUAL CHEFS CHARITY DINNER

Each year we host our Chefs Charity Dinner in a different community, and on November 8 we're thrilled to be coming back to Surrey! We're looking for organizations eager to help youth at risk and change the trajectory of their lives.

**You can do this with your sponsorship of our fundraiser.**

We now know that trauma is at the core of mental health and addiction issues, and self-medicating with substances is one of the ways traumatized young people cope. The homeless youth you see on the street corner or the ones recruited into gangs often come from a background of unimaginable abuse, poverty or neglect.

Without intervention, within 3 to 5 years of aging out, youth from foster care are at the highest risk of lifelong mental health issues, entrenched addiction, overdose and suicide. The impact on families and communities is devastating but Dan's Legacy is getting ahead of the issue.

Our therapists, social workers and outreach workers go directly to the youth wherever they are. We embed our therapists in local community organizations, making it even easier for the youth to find us. In Surrey, we're working directly with Solid State and the Black Arts Centre, Vine Youth Clinic at Alex House, North Surrey Learning Centre (Surrey School District) and the Foundry Surrey.

Please reach out to Amy Mildenberger at [amy.mildenberger@danslegacy.com](mailto:amy.mildenberger@danslegacy.com) to secure your sponsorship and give a helping hand to Surrey youth to build a safe, healthy and thriving community.

*"The only time you should be looking down on someone is when you're helping them back up..."*  
- Destiny Newton, Dan's Legacy youth client.



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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ALL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE CUSTOMIZABLE; LET US TAILOR A PACKAGE FOR YOU.

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## PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$10,000

- Exclusive event branding and event logo to include “Presented by (Company Name)”
- Complimentary branded table of 10 to the event (a \$1,250 value) and prime table placement
- Logo and link to your website on Dan’s Legacy event landing page and e-invitations
- Logo and link to your website in all Dan’s Legacy email newsletters promoting the event
- Name inclusion in event promotions (media release and dedicated social media acknowledgement)
- Prominently displayed event signage and full-page ad in event program
- Opportunity for employees to volunteer at event
- Story and photos about the impact your support has that you can share with your staff and other stakeholders on your website or internal newsletter
- Company name in Dan’s Legacy Annual Report
- Opportunity for a company Lunch & Learn led by a Dan’s Legacy team member and catered by Dan’s Diner



## DOUBLE PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Four complimentary tickets to the event (a \$500 value)
- Branded table card with your logo on one of our VIP tables
- Logo and link to your website on Dan's Legacy event page
- Logo and link to your website in all Dan's Legacy email newsletters promoting the event
- Name inclusion in event promotions (media release and dedicated social media acknowledgement)
- Logo displayed on event signage and half-page ad in event program

## PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2,500

- Two complimentary tickets to the event (a \$250 value)
- Logo and link to your website on the Dan's Legacy event page
- Logo and link to your website in all Dan's Legacy email newsletters promoting the event
- Name inclusion in event promotions (media release and social media acknowledgement)
- Logo displayed on event signage and in event program



# CHAMPION OF CHANGE: \$1,500

- Exclusive sponsorship of one event element branded as “Sponsored by (Company Name)”
- Logo and link to your website on the Dan’s Legacy event page
- Logo and link to your website in all Dan’s Legacy email newsletters promoting the event
- Name inclusion in event promotions (media release and social media acknowledgement)
- Logo displayed on event signage and in event program

**Choose from one of many event elements that will make the night a memorable one:**

## **Champagne Reception Sponsor - *SOLD***

Provide a unique welcome to arriving guests with a glass of champagne.

\*Opportunity to provide branded product.

## **Chef Station & Dessert Station Sponsor (4 opportunities available)**

An excellent opportunity to showcase your brand by supporting our guest Chefs.

## **Wine Sponsor**

Showcase your support by sponsoring the wine to be served during cocktail hour and dinner.

\*Opportunity to provide branded product.

## **Beer Sponsor**

Showcase your support by sponsoring the beer to be served during cocktail hour.

\*Opportunity to provide branded product.

## **Video Sponsor - *SOLD***

An essential part of the evening to ensure heartfelt speeches and impact videos are seen and heard, along with your corporate branding.



# FOOD & FRIENDS SPONSOR: \$750

- Logo and link to your website on Dan's Legacy event page
- Logo and link to your website in all Dan's Legacy email newsletters promoting the event
- Name inclusion in event promotions (media release)
- Logo displayed on event signage and in event program

**Choose from one of many event elements that will make the night a memorable one:**

## **Silent Auction Sponsor - *SOLD***

Showcase your support with a branded sign in the silent auction area as we present an eclectic collection of gifts, ranging from the whimsical to the luxurious.

## **Entertainment Sponsor**

Set the tone for the evening and elevate your corporate visibility as guests enjoy music from our live band.

## **Guest Gift Sponsor**

Your brand will be highly visible as guests enjoy a special take-home keepsake with your company logo.

\*Opportunity to provide branded product.

## **Volunteer Sponsor (2 opportunities available)**

Our volunteers are integral to the success of our event and are truly valued members of our team. Show your support by providing a well deserved meal and thank you gift for our volunteers the night of the event.

## **Silent Auction Donations:**

Company name and link to your website on Dan's Legacy event recap blog post.

Marketing materials displayed along items (if provided).







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# ABOUT DAN



Dan was a vibrant, kind, and compassionate young man, eager to live his dream of one day becoming a chef like his dad.

One summer he eagerly accepted a job on a fishing boat to learn more about sustainable fishing practices – and that's when the dream turned into a nightmare. After weeks of physical and sexual abuse, Dan returned and turned to drugs to numb the psychological pain of that experience. Two intakes into substance abuse recovery programs didn't help, because neither was age appropriate or provided trauma-informed support.

On the morning of August 27, 2006, his mother found him unresponsive from a fatal overdose.

Dan was only 19.

To keep his memory alive, and to ensure other youth received the trauma-informed counselling support that would have saved Dan's life, in 2006 his family formed this charity in his name. In 2024, the Foundation worked with over 700 youth.

Dan Snook

August 31st 1986 – August 27th 2006

For more information, please visit [www.danslegacy.com](http://www.danslegacy.com)





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# WRAP-AROUND PROGRAMS

We have developed a number of wrap-around programs which help to stabilize the youth and support our core counselling program:

**Fitness** - designed and facilitated by one of our therapists who is also a certified fitness instructor

**Food Bank** - grocery hampers are supplied weekly to registered clients

**Community Partners** - we link our clients to the wrap-around programs of our 15 community partners across Metro Vancouver

## DAN'S DINER JOB-SKILLS TRAINING



Youth aging out of foster care typically have, on average, a grade 8 education, and most are dealing with mental health issues due to trauma experienced in childhood. These challenges present multiple barriers to accessing post-secondary educational or trades training opportunities.

In our Cook Training and Dan's Diner Social Enterprise job-skills training program, students learn professional cooking skills and business management, as well as valuable life-skills, which will help them secure employment in the food service industry. They also assist with our catering services, giving them even more hands-on experience in hospitality.

We are thrilled to have the Dan's Diner team included in our roster of guest chefs each year at our event.

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# CLIENT STORY

## "CHRIS"



"Chris" is a 22-year-old non-binary Métis youth who experienced serious and repeated trauma throughout childhood. When he first connected with Dan's Legacy's therapist, he was unable to care for himself. With intensive trauma-informed therapy, "Chris" is now able to look after himself as well as his girlfriend and his sister. Integral to his healing has been access to healthy food through Dan's Legacy's Grocery Hamper program, which is supported by our Recovered Food Collection program. Many of our youth clients are homeless and all of them are hungry, and our Food Hamper Program gives them an autonomous "shopping" experience and helps to mitigate their food insecurity issues.

"Chris" is an excellent cook and takes pride in not only cooking for his housemates, but regularly invites some of the other youth over for a hot meal. Being the person who takes care of others has had a positive impact on "Chris'" self-esteem, which helps to maintain mental health stability. Dan's Legacy's therapist is encouraging him to enroll in our Cook Training program at the next intake.



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# KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

11

Number of therapists

6

Number of social workers & outreach workers

835

Number of youth clients in 2023/2024

25

Average client load per therapist

6

Number of client overdoses

7

Number of client self-harm situations per month requiring hospitalization

20%

Indigenous youth clients

53%

LGBTQ2S+ youth clients

75

Number of youth & young mothers accessing food bank each week

1,334

Number of food hampers provided in 2023/2024

250+

Outreach hours

175

Fitness sessions





# KEY EVENT STATS

## AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

We expect attendance from over 100 influential guests including:

- Residents
- Regional Businesses
- First Nations communities
- Law enforcement and first responders
- Local community leaders in government and non-profit
  - (MPs, MLAs, Mayors, City Councillors)

Age Range 25 - 75+

Attendees of the Chefs Charity Dinner are passionate about mental health and addictions issues in youth, community safety and sustainability. Many are community leaders who also seek to make a measurable and lasting impact through their support of the Dan's Legacy Foundation.

## EXPOSURE OPPORTUNITIES

Instagram, X (Twitter), Facebook, YouTube

Email list

Website

Printed materials and signage

Silent Auction

Media and Social Media (past sponsors include Global BC & Miss604)

Community newspapers

Food and health bloggers



# EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Location: Civic Hotel Autograph Collection  
13475 Central Ave, Surrey

Time: 6:00pm Reception and Silent Auction  
7:00pm Dinner, Program and Dessert  
9:00pm Event Ends

Tickets: \$125

Available for purchase online at  
[www.danslegacy.com](http://www.danslegacy.com)

Attire: Cocktail attire

Menu: Interactive chef station appetizers, a plated dinner and dessert bar are created from surplus food and prepared by top local chefs, each designing a course. The result is a menu of culinary masterpieces guaranteed to delight the senses.

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We respectfully and gratefully acknowledge that our work takes place on the unceded and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples.



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