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**MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED TO GATHER FOR THE ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER FUNDRAISING EVENT**

On Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 7 PM, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, will host his annual Charity Dinner at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre (formerly known as Hampton Inn Ottawa and Conference Centre), 200 Coventry Road, in Ottawa. He expects to welcome more than 700 guests for this event.

The following charitable organizations have been designated as the two beneficiaries for this year's dinner:

Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation



The Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation is the largest not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering hope and reducing harm in Ottawa by supporting homeless and vulnerable people in the city. With their specialized services, programs, and partnerships, Shepherds of Good Hope offers innovative solutions to solve problems and meet emerging needs on the ground. They believe that everyone deserves access to resources and opportunities to improve their lives at their own pace. They were founded in 1983 and today, they house more than 200 clients in their supportive housing and more than 2,000 people are sheltered each year. From shelter to supportive housing to transitional housing, Shepherds of Good Hope is a model of excellence in providing service where it is most needed.

Solidarité Jeunesse



Since 1983, thousands of young adults have entered through the doors of the Youth Centre, formerly known as the “101 Parent,” and left it transformed, by participating in one of their Solidarité Jeunesse mission trips or other activities. Newly established at 460 King Edward Avenue and now called “Le 460” (<https://www.le460.org>), the religious sisters of the Sainte-Marie-de-Namur community at Solidarité Jeunesse animate many activities for young adults. These activities create a network of new friendships and encourage the participants to flourish both personally and spiritually. In particular, sharing with the disadvantaged is at the heart of Solidarité Jeunesse’s mission. This apostolate organizes an annual humanitarian aid experience in the Dominican Republic for about 30 young adults to raise their awareness of the realities of those in need.

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