

Take a bite out of the Big Apple in support of Food Bank

By Mark Pavilons

The flavour of the Big Apple is coming to Nobleton this fall.

Mark your calendar for a gala fundraiser for the King Township Food Bank, with a New York flair, featuring a well known jazz entertainer.

The first Sip & Savour event takes place Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5-8 p.m. at the prestigious Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Generously providing the entertainment will be Ron Littlejohn, singer of the Toronto funk/soul band Ron Littlejohn & The Funk Embassy. Plans are coming together for this cocktail party, which is shaping up to be the must-attend event of the fall in King. Guests will stroll from station to station enjoying a glass of wine and sampling a variety of bite-size savouries and sweets and hors d'oeuvres, while they bid on a fabulous array of silent auction items.

Even in King, there are families and individuals who have had to turn to the Food Bank for assistance. The Food Bank serves approximately 180 people monthly, with the number expected to rise to 200 by 2015, said Carol Ann Trabert, Food Bank president. But there are still many who could use our help and do not come forward; it's a very difficult thing for someone to do. The happiest stories come when we learn we have been a bridge to better times.

We have an amazing team of long term, dedicated volunteers whose passion is helping others make ends meet. Can you imagine literally not knowing where your next meal is coming from?

According to Margaret Hastings, the Food Bank's first director of fundraising, it's a casual chic event with exquisite food, and drink. The idea intent is to source as much as possible from local, King suppliers.

It's all about community, Hastings said. I am quickly learning that when businesses learn of the need, they express a willingness to help any way they can.

Food Bank registrants include couples who are underemployed and supporting their own parents as well as young children, single parents running from job to job as well as single people, some with long-term disabilities, and seniors who are no longer able to cope with rising costs. Nearly half the clients are children and seniors. The Food Bank's mandate is to provide one week's worth of non-perishable groceries every month, along with food cards to help with milk, eggs, etc.

As a prelude to the Food Bank's 10th anniversary in 2015, organizers are expecting Sip & Savour will be their largest event ever with neighbours helping neighbours. Nobleton Lakes has generously provided the venue for this gala.

The club can accommodate events for as many as 300 people. The panoramic view of the Oak Ridges Moraine make this a scenic wonder. It's ideal for corporate functions, meetings, seminars and conferences.

Its very location makes it a popular destination for golfers.

To make it a success, the Food Bank is looking for corporate and individual sponsors and prize donors.

All proceeds from Sip & Savour go towards providing Food Bank clients with access to the food they need.

To become a sponsor or to reserve your tickets, email them at ktfoodbank@gmail.com. Sponsorship information is being posted on their website www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca.