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Autism Nova Scotia to Host 8th Annual Best of Local Gala Event

Dr. Robert Strang and Autism Nova Scotia's Executive Director, Cynthia Carroll to share stories of resilience and community courage during intimate fireside chat

Halifax, N.S. – After nearly 20 months of virtual events and fundraisers, Autism Nova Scotia is thrilled to announce that it will be hosting its annual Best of Local Gala Event next month – *in person*. Adhering to all public health guidelines, the fundraising evening will safely bring attendees together on November 4, 2021 at the Cedar Event Centre, a brand new venue in Halifax, in support of the vital programs and services offered to autistic individuals and their loved ones across the province.

During the evening, long-time Autism Nova Scotia board member, father and community advocate, Dr. Robert Strang, will take part in an intimate fireside chat alongside executive director, Cynthia Carroll. The two will share stories they've witnessed of community courage and resilience since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. These messages of hope will provide attendees with inspiration as we move forward together.

"Since the arrival of COVID-19 to our province, we have all experienced varying degrees of uncertainty and hardship. We recognize those who have suffered and those we have lost to the pandemic and do not take lightly this opportunity we have to come together in support of Autism Nova Scotia," says executive director, Cynthia Carroll. "We are humbled that the sacrifices and hard work of our community are allowing us to gather on November 4th to share stories of hope, courage and resilience and to, most importantly, raise the funds needed to live out our mandate of building understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for autistic individuals and their families through leadership, advocacy, training, and programming across the lifespan."

Funds raised through the Best of Local Gala will go directly to fuel and support programs such as the Ben James Summer Camp, youth and teen social groups, and adult support initiatives. Every dollar and generous gift will help Autism Nova Scotia move more closely to its vision of a world where autism is understood, accepted and everyone is fully living their lives.

For more information on sponsorship and ticket purchases, please visit: www.autismnovascotia.ca/best-of-local or call 902-446-4995.



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About Autism Nova Scotia

[Autism Nova Scotia](#) is a national leader in providing social, educational, and employment supports for Autistic individuals, their families, caregivers, and professionals. Our vision is a society where people on the autism spectrum can live their lives to the fullest. This vision informs our day-to-day operations and provides a philosophy that revolves around person-focused supports, strength-based approaches, and community-oriented learning opportunities. Autism Nova Scotia delivers programming in Halifax and in nine communities across Nova Scotia through our Regional Autism Centres. Our three program divisions are: Social & Community Inclusion; Employment Support; and Family and Caregiver Support.

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**NOVEMBER 4TH, 2021
CEDAR EVENT CENTRE**

Featuring a special fireside chat with Autism Nova Scotia's Executive Director, **Cynthia Carroll** and **Dr. Rob Strang**, Board Member & Chief Medical Officer.

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