

Mayor's Community Charity Ball

1 Friendship Plaza • Addison, Illinois 60101

Oct. 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. To say it has been a difficult time for all of us is to state the obvious. These past months have changed and challenged nearly every aspect of our lives.

Things that we have so often taken for granted – like going to a show or to a sporting event, gathering with friends to celebrate a special occasion, or simply, hugging your grandchildren – things that are so much part of our everyday living ... have suddenly become virtual. And while we all try to adjust to what has been called the “new norm,” it becomes clear how much our need for social interaction, for being involved, for being there for others has been compromised by the pandemic.

It was with great reluctance that the decision to cancel this year's Mayor's Community Charity Ball was made. The 17 Addison charities and service organizations that make up the Mayor's Ball are sorely disappointed, but united in the belief that it was the best decision under these circumstances.

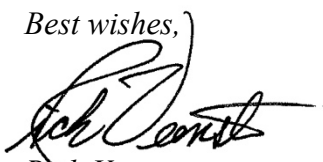
For me, the Ball exemplifies all that is good in our community. The caring, the sharing, the camaraderie, the feeling of satisfaction in knowing that we are united in a desire to help those in need, are all elements that have made the Ball such a success, and simply can't be made virtual.

But the fact remains, the goal of the Mayor's Charity Ball has always been to raise funds for the charitable organization that serve our community. And while our ability to gather together has been limited, the needs of those served by the many organizations that comprise the Mayor's Ball continues to grow, and they need our help.

So, while this Holiday Season may be missing the traditional parties and socialization, let's not forget that the true spirit of the Season comes from within our hearts. It is the season of faith, of hope, and of charity. It is a time for sharing the joy and the gifts that we have been so blessed with.

COVID-19 may have changed the way we celebrate this holiday season, but it hasn't changed the spirit of the season. To that end, I would encourage you to consider contributing to a charity of your choice through the Mayor's Community Charity Ball.

Best wishes,



*Rich Veenstra
Mayor*



If you would like to make a donation, any amount is appreciated, and will be used by our Addison-based charities and service organizations.

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