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**BRIDGES HEALTH - BREAKING BARRIERS, A JOURNEY TO
MENTAL WELLNESS**



It was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan at Breaking Barriers, A Journey to Mental Wellness' Conference & Gala held January 28, 2020, in Saskatoon! The Honourable Warren Kading was in attendance to bring greetings earlier in the day, as well as the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour Russel Mirasty and Mayor Charlie Clark. Colleague, MLA Eric Olauson also attended this incredible conference.

Thank you to Bridges Health for hosting an afternoon conference and evening gala dedicated to understanding the challenges to mental wellness in our families, friends, and peers. As we continue our Journey to Mental Wellness, the second annual Breaking Barriers focused on putting action to 'ending the stigma' of mental health in today's society, as well as recognizing the strains on the individuals who are the support system for someone with a mental illness. In today's world, it is a fact that someone we know will go through a mental illness. The next

conversation is now how to best support ourselves and each other when experiencing mental health problems, as well as supporting those who support others.

- How can we increase belonging and show that no one is ever alone when experiencing these issues?
- How can we normalize mental health challenges and build trust to end the ever-lingering stigma surrounding these issues?
- Just how powerful is the act of vulnerability, and how can we build trust with those around us?

Those attending had the honour of hearing from renowned speakers Clint and Joanie Malarchuk, Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, and Jordan Axani.

JUNO AWARDS SASKATOON MARCH 15, 2020!



Premier Scott Moe, "On March 15th Saskatoon hosts the Junos, with [Alessia Cara](#) hosting and big Saskatchewan names like [Hunter Brothers](#), [Belle Plaine](#) and [The Dead South](#) up for nominations. Who are you looking forward to watching claim awards on the Junos stage?"

What an exciting announcement at Prairiland Park last week! The announcement included 6

nominees from Saskatchewan! It was great to be in attendance with MLA Eric Olauson, representatives from Tourism Saskatchewan and the Juno Awards Committee.

The 2020 Juno Awards are scheduled for March 15 at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon. Juno Week, with performances and festivities leading up to the 49th annual awards show, runs from March 9-15.

Read the exciting Star Phoenix article listing nominees [here!](#)

SWINGING WITH THE STARS 2020



It was a pleasure to attend **En's Swinging with the Stars**, held at TCU Place February 1st. A high energy, action-packed evening of dance and fun, featuring Saskatoon's finest celebrities came together to compete to raise money for the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

Congratulations to the champions, crowd favourite **JONATHAN HUNTINGTON & BAILEY GITZEL** sponsored by Cameco Connects, and Judges Choice, **DARRYL FINCH & KATIE BERGEN** sponsored by Smoke's Poutinerie Saskatoon!

Congratulations to all of the dancers for working so hard to support the Saskatoon City Hospital

Foundation while providing great entertainment. To the volunteers and sponsors of this event, congratulations! It was an incredible evening!

SASKATCHEWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POLITICAL FORUM 2020



It was a pleasure to attend the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Political Forum with several Cabinet colleagues on January 30th in Regina.

Great discussions around challenges and opportunities for Saskatchewan's business community were had during the Government of Saskatchewan session, and the earlier Saskatchewan New Democratic Party session.

DON'T BE A DISTRACTED DRIVER!

New Distracted Driving Penalties

Penalties take effect Feb. 1, 2020



Effective February 1st, the cost of a distracted driving ticket in Saskatchewan will more than double to \$580 plus four demerits with escalating penalties for subsequent tickets.


And before anyone cries "cash grab," SGI and police have spent the past forever encouraging people to not get these tickets and have given tips on how to avoid getting these tickets.

Here's an easy one: don't use your phone while driving.

For more information visit www.sgi.sk.ca

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**WINTER FUN CONTINUES IN SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL
PARKS!**



Sask Parks is offering more winter activities this year than ever before. With ten special events taking place throughout February and March, there is still plenty of opportunity to get out to a park for some winter fun the whole family will enjoy.

“So far this winter, we’ve had hundreds of Saskatchewan residents take part in our winter activities,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “With a variety of events planned around skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and more, there is still plenty of opportunities to get out and discover what winter in the parks is all about.”

Click [here](#) to see events you can look forward to this winter.

**NEW DAY PROGRAM OPENS IN SASKATOON WITH
PROVINCIAL SUPPORT**



January 31st, Social Services Minister Paul Merriman celebrated the grand opening of a new SaskAbilities day program for people with intellectual disabilities. The government provided \$140,000 in capital startup funding for the project, as well as more than \$134,000 in yearly funding.

“Day programs not only make our communities more inclusive, but they often provide employment, life skills and social outlets for people with intellectual disabilities,” Merriman said. “Our government appreciates the support SaskAbilities provides people with disabilities and values our continued partnership.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN VAPOUR PRODUCTS LEGISLATION

Saskatchewan Vapour Products Legislation

As of February 1, 2020 the new legislation will restrict the use, sale, display and advertising of vapour products in Saskatchewan.

For more information on the changes, please visit: saskatchewan.ca/vaping



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In order to better protect Saskatchewan youth from risks associated with vaping, *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* took effect, February 1, 2020.

“I’m excited to have this legislation in place,” Minister of Health Jim Reiter said. “This legislation will protect Saskatchewan youth from the harmful effects of vapour products. If you never smoked, then don’t vape.”

“Vapour products are highly addictive, trendy and extremely popular among teens and young adults,” Vice President of Community Engagement at the Lung Association of Saskatchewan Jennifer May said. “The Lung Association and its Youth4Change groups congratulate the government on the implementation of *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*. This is a great day for lung health as there has been a dramatic rise in youth vaping over the past few years and this will help protect the health of Saskatchewan kids.”

Read more about the new legislation [here](#).

THE NEXT DECADE - ACTIONS FOR THE 2020s



In past newsletters, we featured Saskatchewan's growth plan. *Premier Scott Moe, "The purpose of growth is to build a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people - to build strong communities and strong families - and grow a stronger Saskatchewan now, and for the next decade.*

Last week we featured the first 10 of the 20 actions for the 2020s. See the remainder of the 20 actions in this edition:

- Expanding Saskatchewan's export infrastructure.
- Supporting the transformation of Saskatchewan's economy through innovation and technology and the growth of Saskatchewan's technology sector.
- Developing Saskatchewan's labour force.
- Growing small businesses and reducing government red tape for business.
- Delivering on Saskatchewan's climate change plan to reduce carbon emissions.
- Reducing carbon emissions in electricity production and advancing the development of zero-emission small modular reactor technology using Saskatchewan uranium.
- Keeping the province's finances strong and the budget balanced.
- Building strong communities by investing in infrastructure.
- Delivering on the purpose of growth by ensuring growth builds a better quality of life for Saskatchewan families and communities.
- Always standing for a strong Saskatchewan.

GOVERNMENTS MAKE \$8.1 MILLION INVESTMENT IN LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE RESEARCH



January 29th, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Maire-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced nearly \$8.1 million in funding under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership for 28 livestock and forage-related research projects through Saskatchewan’s Agriculture Development Fund (ADF). This includes \$4.9 million in funding for 27 livestock and forage-related research projects and \$3.2 million in operational funding for the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.

The ADF is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture by the federal and provincial governments.

“Research that impacts farm-level decisions, such as water quality, nutrition and animal care, can result in tangible benefits for the Saskatchewan herd as whole,” Marit said. “We’re making strategic investments in research that will help producers and agri-businesses reach the targets for 2030 that are laid out in Saskatchewan’s growth plan. The results of this year’s projects will support a sustainable, strong and growing livestock sector.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS DAY OF ACTION AGAINST HATE AND INTOLERANCE

January 29, 2020 marked a Day of Action Against Hate and Intolerance in Saskatchewan. This proclamation recognizes that there's no place for racism in Saskatchewan.

The date marks the tremendous loss that took place on January 29, 2017 when six Canadian Muslim men lost their lives and many were gravely injured in a shooting at a mosque in Quebec City.

"Violence of any kind is unacceptable in our country," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "We must all stand together against all forms of hatred and intolerance, and work together to promote inclusion and acceptance."

The proclamation was requested by Regina and Saskatoon based chapters of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan and is supported by additional faith-based groups.

"January 29 will forever be marked by the odious shooting at a Quebec City Mosque," the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan said. "By proclaiming this day as a provincial Day of Action Against Hate and Intolerance, the Government of Saskatchewan has taken a principled stand in solidarity with those who suffer and against those who would seek to divide our nation with hate and intolerance and has reaffirmed our province's motto: 'Multis e gentibus vires, from many peoples, strength'."

"I am proud to support the Day of Action Against Hate and Intolerance on behalf of the Saskatoon Jewish community," Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky said. "The religious institutions in Saskatoon are like a family, we are all connected. Our community will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with all faiths and cultures to challenge intolerance."

"Our spiritual commitment and energy must compel us all to build trust, respect, and relationship in a world that can fall too easy to fearful and hateful responses of disrespect and violence," Bishop Mark Hagemoen said. "Let us choose wisely not only the higher path, but the lasting one."

"The members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Saskatoon are very grateful to the Government of Saskatchewan for recognition and reassurance that hate has no place in our society," Mubarik Syed with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at said. "Islam is a religion of peace, love, and harmony. This is why the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at believes and practices the motto 'Love for all, hatred for none'."

PROTECT YOURSELF: DON'T BE SCAMMED TWICE



The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) is alerting the public that some individuals who have already been impacted by a scam may be targeted again.

The “recovery pitch” scam and the “victim list” scam may be happening in the province. The “recovery pitch” scam involves a consumer or investor that has previously lost money in a fraudulent situation. Scammers will target these individuals with the claim that they will be able to recover all or some of the funds lost in the previous scheme. Sometimes the caller is the person who scammed the individual in the first place. The scam artist may claim to be a member of law enforcement or other type of authority to gain credibility.

The “victim list” scam involves a list that is shared or sold among various underground scam artists. When a consumer or investor has been scammed and shares money or even personal information with a scam artist, the person’s name is added to a “victim list”. These scammers will contact the individuals on the list with various pitches in the hopes they will fall victim again.

Click [here](#) to see some red flags to watch out for and tips to protect yourself!

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

The 2020 theme for Black History Month is: "Canadians of African Descent: Going forward, guided by the past."

Find more info at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



January 30, 2020 - Saskatchewan is an entrepreneurial province in which we want people to be able to start and grow their businesses. Reducing red tape and regulatory burden is imperative because we know that when small businesses grow, Saskatchewan grows.

***Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade* recognizes that competitiveness is crucial to economic growth. On the issue of taxes, regulations and government spending, our objective is to ensure Saskatchewan remains competitive.**

We know that red tape can stand in the way of the growth of businesses and communities. Our government's "Help Cut Red Tape" web portal helps residents fast-track their concerns on regulations. Our work on this initiative was recently recognized and celebrated by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB).

Saskatchewan received the CFIB's highest ranking in its national *Red Tape Report Card* for its efforts to reduce red tape and modernize regulations. We will continue to identify and cut red tape with additional actions in our Growth Plan, which include:

- appointing a business advisory panel from communities across the province to identify priorities for the Government of Saskatchewan's Red Tape Reduction Committee;
- keeping the province's finances strong and investing in priorities such as infrastructure and health care, which are areas of concern for small businesses; and
- utilizing the Government of Saskatchewan's Direct Cost Estimator to make informed decisions.

This past year, Saskatchewan saw an increase of 10,400 jobs, or 1.8 per cent, from 2018. More than half of that job growth is due to full-time jobs. In spite of some external headwinds, the creation of 10,400 jobs last year is an indication that Saskatchewan has a robust, diverse and growing economy and is on track for continued growth.

Complete with action items and ambitious goals for the future, *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade* is a roadmap to get us there. To learn more please visit saskgrowthplan.ca.

There was a time not long ago when Saskatchewan had the highest number of road fatalities in Canada. In 2019, fewer people were killed on Saskatchewan roads than in any single year since records started being kept in the 1950s.

Our government has taken stricter enforcement measures, introduced targeted legislation and run powerful awareness campaigns – all to reduce road fatalities – because collisions are preventable and even one traffic death is too many.

Thank you to all Saskatchewan residents for working to make our roads safer.

Distracted driving is one of the leading factors in collisions and injuries from automobile crashes in Saskatchewan. In an effort to reduce the number of people driving while distracted, harsher penalties are now being introduced.

Effective February 1, 2020, the cost of a distracted driving ticket for a first offence will more than double, from \$280 to \$580, plus four demerits. A second offence, within a year of being convicted of the first, is a \$1,400 ticket, plus an additional four demerits, plus an immediate, seven-day vehicle seizure. This penalty does not include the costs associated with towing and impound fees. A third offence within a year of conviction of the first is a \$2,100 ticket, plus four more demerits and another seven-day vehicle seizure.

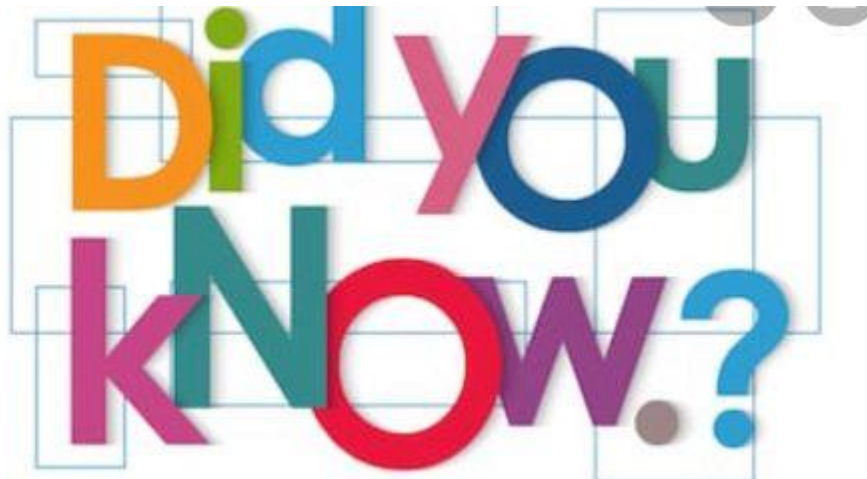
It is against the law in Saskatchewan to hold, view, use or manipulate electronic communication equipment while driving a motor vehicle, and if you are caught, you will get a ticket under

distracted driving legislation.

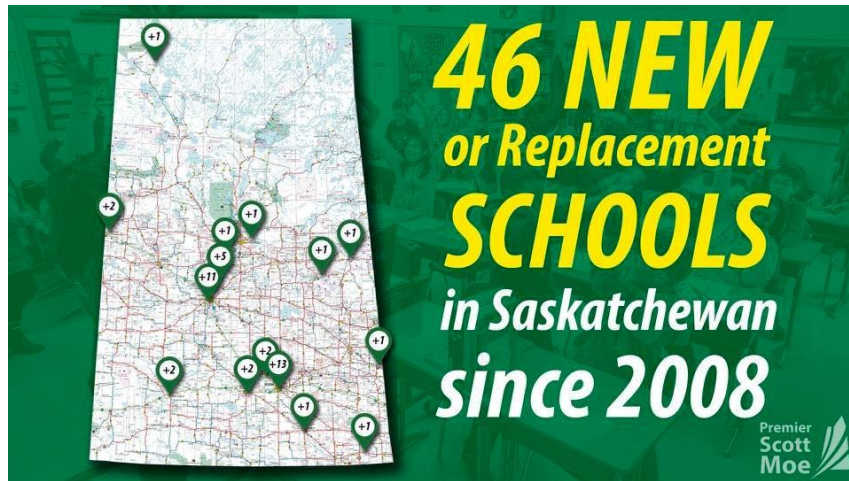
It's important to know that an experienced driver can use a hands-free device if it can be activated with voice commands or one-touch, and is mounted on the dashboard or visor in a cradle. But if you're a new driver in the Graduated Driver Licensing program, even hands-free devices are not acceptable and are illegal to use.

Other forms of distracted driving like eating, using GPS, reading, personal grooming or interacting with pets or passengers are covered under driving without due care and attention legislation. These activities are not considered against the law and won't automatically result in a ticket. But, if your behaviour poses a risk to road safety, you may be ticketed by police for driving without due care and attention.

To learn more visit sgi.sk.ca.



Premier Scott Moe, "Since 2008 we've built or replaced 46 schools for communities across Saskatchewan. That's our record."



Yesterday, Sunday, February 2nd was the first palindrome day in 909 years!

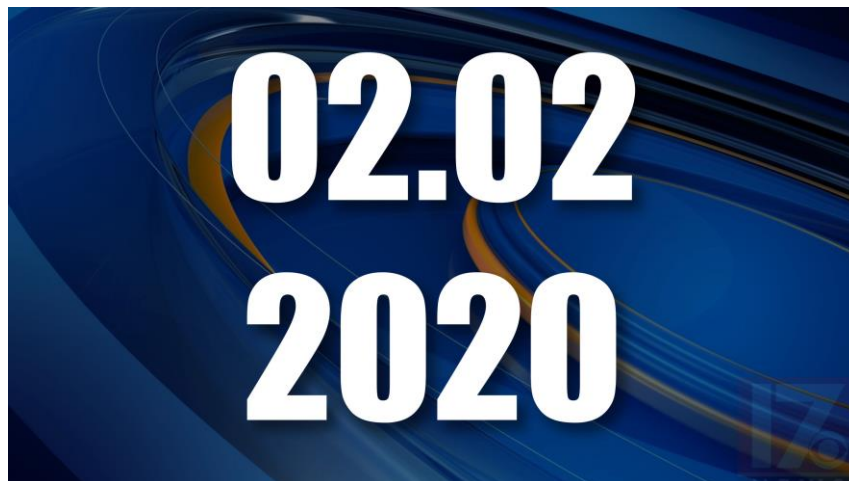
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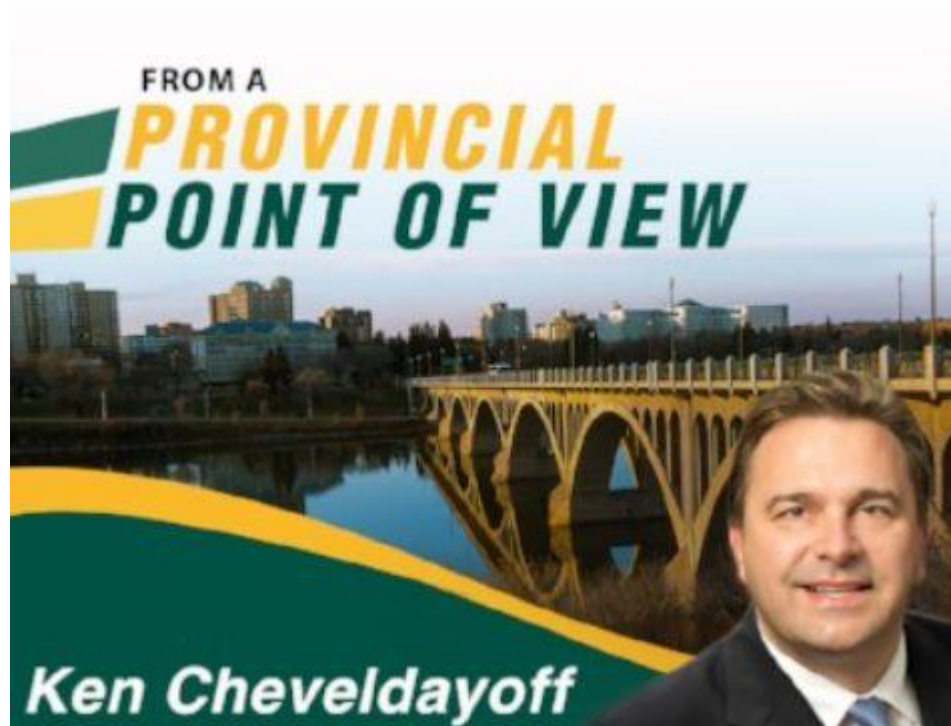
At just after 2 a.m., it was 02:02:20 on 02/02/2020.

This is the only time such a date will occur this century.

The previous palindrome date came 909 years ago on 11/11/1111. The next will come in 101 years on 12/12/2121 and after that there will not be another until 03/03/3030.



February 4th is World Cancer Day. Please honour all cancer survivors, fighters and those who have lost their lives to cancer. Let's raise awareness, improve education and work together to support everyone dealing with cancer no matter who you are or where you live.



IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion

for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please

email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Fundraiser for Kayden Kot

When: Friday, February 7th, 5:30, dinner 6:15

Where: Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Dr. W

**For tickets or information contact Sylvie Fortier-Kot at smfortier@hotmail.com or
kdeibert@gscs.ca or hmcnairn@gscs.ca**



KISSES FOR KAYDEN

Please join us for Kayden Kot's annual fundraiser.

Kayden has had challenging and complex medical issues from birth. Kayden was recently diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder (C-F-C) that caused his digestive issues and global development delays. There is no cure or treatment for this disorder so the prognosis for Kayden's future is still unknown. At this stage, the family needs help the following priorities: ABM therapy for neuro movement, continued appointments with a pediatric neurologist/dietician who has experience with CFC syndrome, but mostly his specialized formula and equipment. He will also need to travel to Montreal this year for surgery.

Peter, Sylvie and Edyn are extremely grateful to family, friends and the community for the amazing generosity that has been shown to them in the past. We hope that you can continue to support Kayden's family to provide him with the best quality of life possible.

All the Details:
Family Friendly Evening - Kids Welcome!!
Build-Your-Own Burger (3 options)
Includes Fries and Salad
Chicken Fingers for Child's meal

When? Friday Feb. 7 2020, 5:30 pm (Dinner 6:15)

Where? Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Dr W

Cost? \$30 per adult
\$10 per child (10 and under)

For tickets or more information please contact:
*Sylvie Fortier-Kot at:
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ps.kot@sasktel.net or
call/text 306-381-8873 or
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If you would like to donate but cannot attend the event, donations can also be made on the following website (no tax receipt issued):
<https://www.gofundme.com/steak-night-for-kayden>

Please join us for Entertainment, Raffles, 50/50 draw! (Cash and Cheque only).

**You Make All the Difference.
Thank-you!**

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