



# Epilepsy Durham Region *matters*

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

March is Epilepsy Awareness Month

Cocktail Reception and Art Auction

On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Epilepsy Durham Region will host their second annual Cocktail Reception and Art Auction. The Honourable Jim Flaherty and Ms. Christine Elliott, MPP, Whitby – Oshawa will be in attendance as Honourary Chairperson of our reception.

This is an invitation to all artists to submit an item of their choice which represents, hope, inspiration and courage. Artwork must be presented in either a frame with matting or presented on a proper canvas frame, include shades of purple and must be original. Artists will supply easels and /or model displays to showcase their piece. Please complete the attached registration form to indicate your participation. There is **no** entry fee for submissions.

Each item will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Proceeds will be shared 50/50 with the agency and the artist. Art and artists will be featured on Epilepsy Durham Region website.

### Background:

The Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Campaign was founded in 2008 by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, who had a dream to create an event where she and other children living with epilepsy could relate to one another; remove stigma, mystery and fear which often surrounds epilepsy.

Epilepsy Durham Region along with epilepsy agencies coast to coast have joined Cassidy to ensure that her dream is continued, '*not another moment lost to seizures*'. Our campaign endeavors to heighten awareness locally about epilepsy and to raise funds to ensure that a sustainable future is in fact possible to carry forth Cassidy's dream. All funds raised throughout the campaign support local community programming and family support.

For detailed information about the event, please visit [www.purpleday.org](http://www.purpleday.org) and [www.epilepsydurham.com](http://www.epilepsydurham.com).

### TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT CONTACT

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