

SORRELLE SICILIANE PRESENT

Sicilia *with* Love

(Sicilia cu l'amuri)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026



IN SUPPORT OF
CIBPA © PLACE

YORK REGION'S FIRST RESIDENTIAL RESPITE DEMENTIA CARE CENTRE

THE STORY BEHIND SICILIA CU L'AMURI

Sicilia cu l'Amuri began with a shared idea among five women who grew up with the same Sicilian values, family, tradition, and a deep sense of responsibility to give back to their community.

What started as a Sicilian celebration has quickly become something more meaningful. This is now the second year of the event, and the impact is already real. In its first year, Sicilia cu l'Amuri raised \$165,000 in support of CIBPA Place - Care As One, York Region's first residential respite dementia care centre.

At its core, Sicilia cu l'Amuri still feels like home. It brings people together around a table, sharing food, stories, and a sense of connection that reflects Sicilian culture at its best. But behind that experience is a clear purpose, to support families who are carrying more than most people see.



SUPPORTING CIBPA PLACE

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Behind this wonderful celebration of Sicilian culture is something much deeper. CIBPA Place exists because too many families have been carrying the weight of dementia care on their own.

Caring for someone with dementia changes everything. It is constant, demanding, and deeply personal. Many families take it on without pause, often reaching a point where they are exhausted but have nowhere to turn. CIBPA Place was created to meet that moment.

In 2024, Care As One purchased the historic Bassingthwaite House, a home that has stood in Vaughan since 1860. With the support of this community, it was restored and transformed into a place where families can find relief without losing the feeling of home.

Opened in winter 2026 and operated by CHATS, this residence offers short-term stays for individuals living with dementia who are still being cared for at home.

With space for only five residents at a time, the setting remains quiet and personal. Care is thoughtful, consistent, and centered on dignity. Programs are designed to engage, comfort, and support each resident, while staff are present around the clock to ensure safety and continuity of care.

For caregivers, this means something simple but rare, time. Time to rest, to step away, and to return with the strength to continue.

Every ticket, every table, and every sponsorship from Sicilia cu l'Amuri helps keep this home running and accessible to families who need it most. When you take part in this evening, you are helping open the door to this home for someone else.



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THE WOMEN BEHIND SICILIA CU L'AMURI

ELISA CRISOLAGO

Elisa is a first-generation Canadian with Sicilian roots and the founder of Coaching and Medicine Inc., where she helps women improve their health and confidence through a science-based, compassionate approach. Her work is grounded in lived experience and a commitment to helping others create lasting change.

ANNA ELIOPOULOS

Anna is a founder of Peter & Paul's Gifts, which has grown into one of Canada's leading gift companies and part of a larger hospitality group. She continues to lead the business alongside her daughters, combining entrepreneurship with a strong commitment to family and community.

MARIA GAGLIANO

Maria is the founder of Menus by Maria, where she brings Sicilian tradition to life through nourishing, thoughtfully prepared food. Inspired by her upbringing in a large Sicilian family, she uses food to create connection, warmth, and a sense of home.

JENNY LONGO

Jenny is Vice President of Private Label at Longo's, where she helps shape product strategy and customer experience within a leading family-owned business. She is also deeply involved in the community, serving on several boards and supporting initiatives that reflect her values of family and tradition.

RINA PILLITTERI

Rina is a proud daughter of Sicilian roots and Regional Vice President at RBC, where she leads Personal Banking, Small Business, and Financial Planning across the Greater Toronto Region. With over 35 years of leadership experience, she brings a strong commitment to community, mentorship, and meaningful impact.



THE COMMITTEE

JOSEPH GULIZIA

Joseph is a proud Sicilian and President and CEO of UniversalCare, a leading provider of long-term care and retirement homes dedicated to supporting seniors through high-quality, resident-centered services. As Founding Director of Care As One, he has led the vision and development of CIBPA Place. He is also a founding committee member of UniversalCare Strides for Seniors, with combined fundraising efforts through Care As One and Strides raising over \$5.6 million net in support of community care initiatives.

ANGELA GULIZIA

Angela is Vice President of Administration and Physiotherapy Services at UniversalCare, where she supports homes in advancing resident-centered care through staff development, clinical programs, and operational leadership. She is also a committee member of UniversalCare Strides for Seniors in support of CIBPA Place, bringing over 25 years of nursing experience across emergency, community, and long-term care.

JESSICA FABBRO

Jessica is Executive Assistant and Programs Manager Lead at UniversalCare, where she is dedicated to enhancing resident health and well-being through innovative, resident-centered programs. She is also a committee member and Team Lead of UniversalCare Strides for Seniors in support of CIBPA Place, bringing a strong background in therapeutic programming, leadership, and compassionate care.

DINA FONTANA

Dina is a proud Sicilian and a dedicated professional who has spent over 43 years at RBC as an Executive Assistant, known for her professionalism, loyalty, and strong work ethic. She brings that same commitment to her community, supporting initiatives like Sicilia cu l'Amuri with care, pride, and a deep connection to her heritage.

JOE PELLERINO AKA LU SICILIANO RAGGIATU

Joe, known as Lu Siciliano Raggiatu, is a proud Sicilian whose passion for culture, humour, and storytelling brings people together and celebrates the spirit of Sicily. Through his vibrant presence and deep connection to tradition, he plays a key role in creating the energy and authenticity that define Sicilia cu l'Amuri.



DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING SPONSOR

\$25,000

You lead this event and the impact behind it.

This is the top level of support. Your business stands at the forefront of a solution that changes lives. Your leadership sends a clear message. You invest in families, caregivers, and community care.

Your contribution supports the growth and long-term success of CIBPA Place, operated by CHATS.

Includes:

- Table for 10 guests
- Full page ad in event program
- Recognition at your table
- Social media recognition

Additional recognition opportunities will be confirmed.

You lead the effort. Families feel the impact.



DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD SPONSOR

\$10,000

You stand among the key supporters of this initiative.

This level places your business at the center of the evening. Your visibility reflects a strong commitment to community health and family support.

Your contribution directly supports a model of care that reduces burnout, avoids hospital visits, and delays long-term care placement.

Includes:

- Table for 10 guests
- Full page ad in event program
- Recognition at your table
- Social media recognition

You help build a stronger care system for York Region.

SILVER SPONSOR

\$7,500

You take a leadership role in supporting dementia care in your community.

This sponsorship gives your business a stronger voice during the event. Your brand aligns with compassion, responsibility, and action.

Your support helps expand access to short-term stays that give caregivers time to recover.

Includes:

- Table for 10 guests
- 1/2 page ad in event program
- Recognition at your table
- Social media recognition

You help deliver care when families need it most.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

BRONZE SPONSOR

\$5,000

You step forward as a recognized supporter of community care.

This level builds visibility for your business while supporting a cause with immediate impact. Your message reaches guests who value leadership and generosity.

Your contribution helps deliver respite care that restores caregivers and protects families.

Includes:

- Table for 10 guests
- 1/4 page ad in event program
- Recognition at your table
- Social media recognition

You support care that keeps families strong.

CORPORATE SPONSOR

\$3,000

You join a night rooted in culture, community, and care.

This sponsorship places your business at the table. You host clients, colleagues, or family for an evening built on connection and purpose.

Your support helps families facing dementia access short-term care when they need relief most.

Includes:

- Table for 10 guests
- Recognition at your table
- Social media recognition

Your presence supports real families in York Region

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

INDIVIDUAL TICKET

\$300

EARLY BIRD \$250 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1st 2026

Join us for an evening that brings together Sicilian culture, community, and purpose in support of CIBPA Place - Care As One. Your ticket includes a full dining experience, live entertainment, and the opportunity to be part of something that directly supports families in our community.



PAYMENT BY CHEQUE OR E-TRANSFER

Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased by cheque or by e-transfer.

CHEQUES:

Please make cheques payable to Care As One and mail to:
Sicilia cu l'Amuri
467 Edgeley Blvd., Unit 3
Vaughan, ON
L4K 4E9

E-TRANSFER:

E-transfers can be sent to: gala2026@careasone.ca
Please include your name and ticket or sponsorship details
in the message.

For questions or to confirm your purchase, please contact
gala2026@careasone.ca.



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS.

Together, we are building a place of care, dignity, and relief for families in our community through CIBPA Place - Care As One.

Your support will:

- **Support families in need.** Provide short-term, residential care for individuals living with dementia, giving caregivers the time and relief they rarely have.
- **Deliver meaningful care.** Help sustain a home-like environment where residents receive safe, respectful, and personalized support from trained staff.
- **Strengthen our community.** Ensure that this first-of-its-kind respite dementia care centre remains accessible to families across York Region when they need it most.

Together, we are making sure families facing dementia have somewhere to turn when they need it most.