

## **Valentines Day Gala helps “RAISE” funds for RAISE Home Support Services for the Elderly**

Press Release

**Kitchener, January 26 2006** - The Valentine’s Day “*Symphony of Love*” fundraising gala 2006, supporting RAISE Home Support Services for the Elderly will take place at Bingeman Park and Convention Centre in Kitchener on February 11, 2006.

Neil Aitchison, Director of Development for Drayton Entertainment Inc., Canada’s Most Successful Summer Theatre Company will be the Master of Ceremonies for the fourth annual event.

Funds raised from the annual Valentines’ Day Gala subsidize the services offered by RAISE including: transportation, shopping, homemaking, personal visits, social/physical support, home maintenance and snow removal.

"The Symphony of Love Gala, is a fabulous evening complete with a delicious dinner, quality auction items, and Big Band music. Why not join us in celebrating Valentines Day and supporting RAISE Home Support for the Elderly? All proceeds go directly to programs which assist seniors, making it possible for them to live independently." Says Monica Himmelman, Gala Volunteer Chair,

The evening will feature entertainment by the Toronto All Star Big Band as well as a Silent and Live Auction. Sponsors for the event include Gary H. Attack Financial Planning Inc, Ontario Energy Savings Corp., Cannacord Capital Corporation, S.G. Cunningham (Kitchener) Ltd., Royal LePage Scharf Realty, Twin City Dwyer Printing Ltd., M&T Printing Group, The Record and Bullas Travel. Tickets for the dinner and dance cannot be purchased at the door. Tickets cost \$75 per person or \$150 per couple. A charitable receipt is available upon request for \$35 per person. For further information, contact Marlene Baulk, RAISE Resource Development Manager, at 519-744-7666.

### **About RAISE Home Support Services for the Elderly**

Since 1974, RAISE has been an established home support service provider helping Kitchener seniors live in their own homes. A trusted community partner, RAISE employs and trains dedicated staff, home helpers and volunteers who understand the challenges faced by seniors and who are committed to helping people maintain their independence, dignity and privacy.

Each year RAISE serves over 1,100 older adults, contributing to an improved quality of life by alleviating feelings of loneliness, isolation, insecurity, desperation and dependence.