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## ONE DROP FOUNDATION'S SPIRIT OF WATER GALA SET TO DAZZLE IN ENOCH, ALBERTA – APRIL 5, 2025

An unforgettable evening of entertainment featuring Cirque du Soleil performers and fine dining in support of Enoch Cree First Nation

ENOCH, AB (Jan. 23, 2025) – The One Drop Foundation is proud to announce the inaugural Spirit of Water Gala, an epic evening of exhilarating entertainment, gourmet dining, and impactful philanthropy. Taking place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at The Venue at River Cree Resort and Casino in Enoch, Alberta, this one-of-a-kind event aims to raise critical funds and awareness for water-related challenges faced by many Indigenous communities across Canada.

Despite living in one of the world's most water-rich countries, Indigenous communities in Canada continue to be disproportionately affected by issues related to safe water access. One Drop has created the <u>Indigenous Water Allyship</u>, a program aiming to increase access to safe, reliable, and culturally appropriate water and sanitation services in Indigenous communities, including water governance, water conservation, climate resilience and gender-responsive practices. Proceeds will directly support Enoch Cree First Nation and One Drop's collective mission with water-related initiatives as well as, help to empower their community with sustainable and lasting solutions for critical water challenges.

The Spirit of Water Gala invites guests to come together to make a tangible difference in the fight for water justice. Attendees will enjoy an unforgettable evening, featuring dynamic performances by Cirque du Soleil artists, a curated live auction, and immersive dining.

"Together, we have the power to unite communities and corporate partners in the fight for clean water, ensuring future generations can thrive alongside this vital element I look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an unforgettable and impactful evening," said Grand Chief Cody Thomas.

"The Spirit of Water Gala is more than an evening of celebration—it's a powerful call to action. As we launch this inaugural edition, I am deeply grateful for the commitment of our collaborators and their belief in our shared mission of ensuring safe water access for all," said Guy Laliberté, founder of the One Drop Foundation, Maison Frooogs, Cirque du Soleil, and Lune Rouge. "We have the opportunity to create ripples of change that will grow into waves of progress, building a legacy of water equity for future generations."

The evening will begin with an exclusive cocktail reception featuring gourmet food and premium wine, offering a chance to connect with One Drop's network of supporters. Guests will then transition to the main event to participate in a captivating live auction, followed by an immersive dinner show with breathtaking acts by Cirque du Soleil performers and a specially curated four-course menu. The night will conclude with a lively post-show celebration, complete with cocktails, a surprise guest performance, and opportunities to mingle.

Sponsored by 880 CHED, Business in Edmonton and The River Cree Resort and Casino, the *Spirit of Water Gala* is more than an evening of celebration—it is a call to action.

Tickets and sponsorship packages are now available. For inquiries or to secure your spot, please email **spiritofwater@onedrop.org** or visit our website at <u>www.onedrop.org</u>.

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## About One Drop

At One Drop, we unite people and empower communities to solve the water and climate crisis through innovative, sustainable actions. Channeling the creative spirit of Cirque du Soleil, we rally local and international changemakers to raise funds and co-create solutions that drive life-changing projects worldwide.

Together, since 2007, we have transformed the lives of nearly 3 million people in Latin America, India, Africa, and among Indigenous communities in Canada. Join us in turning water into action and creating a sustainable future with safe water for all.

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