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Acton's Andrew and Margaret Wilkinson have started a donation challenge to support their community.

COUPLE ISSUES DONATION CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

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An Acton couple is challenging residents and businesses across Halton to step up and help community charities that are struggling through the pandemic. Andrew and Margaret Wilkinson recently donated \$10,000 to one of their favourite not-for-profit organizations, Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT). Now, the local pair is hoping their action will inspire others to do the same.

"I want to challenge business owners and members of the community

alike to show support to local charities or cultural hubs that are facing financial difficulties during COVID-19," said Andrew. "I hope this (challenge) makes a splash, and those who are able to donate make the choice to do so."

While some government funding is available for organizations that are feeling the pinch of the pandemic, the Acton man said it's not realistic to rely on this assistance alone.

"We have to support our community," he noted.

With GLT's main performance space, the John Elliott Theatre, closed for the foreseeable future, the per-

forming arts group is now exploring new ways to engage with its members and audience.

Across Ontario, community theatres are experiencing financial difficulties due to the pandemic, with some groups even closing their doors permanently. GLT president David Borgal said the support from the Wilkinsons and others "inspires our group to move forward and adapt to modern challenges."

The GLT's upcoming (currently postponed) season will mark its 60th year of creating theatrical performances for Halton Hills residents.

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