

Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser in Support of a Small but Mighty Charity

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September 8, 2016 (Ottawa, Ontario) – Tickets are expected to sell out fast for the return of **Sip N Style** – a craft beer tasting fundraiser at **Mill Street Brew Pub on Thursday, September 22**. Epilepsy Ottawa’s flagship event is a fun, casual Thursday night out – an opportunity to sample exclusive local craft beer (and our very own specially crafted brew) at a beautiful historic mill located on the Ottawa River, while supporting a great cause.

The event was a sell-out success when it premiered in 2013 and raised over \$35,000. Organizers are hoping to make at least that much this year and to make Sip N Style an annual event.

“We are very appreciative of the many sponsors who have come on board to help us toward that target, and would like to especially thank our platinum sponsor, UCB Canada,” said Peter Andrews, President of Epilepsy Ottawa’s Board of Directors .

More than 8,000 people in the region have this neurological condition; tens of thousands more – including families, friends, and colleagues – are also affected. All proceeds from the event will help support the organization’s much-needed programs and services.

“This event is a very important one for us,” said Nikki Porter, the Director of Epilepsy Ottawa. “The funds raised will ensure that we can support families dealing with a new epilepsy diagnosis, help people who can’t fill their prescription for anti-seizure medication due to an all-too-common drug shortage, or provide seizure first aid training for educators who have a student with epilepsy.”

Tickets are \$85 and include a flight of beer, light food pairings, tasting stations, photo booth and a chance to bid on some great silent auction prizes and experiences. Among the many items available for the Silent Auction are: “The Mustang Experience” from Calabogie Motorsports, an at-home chef dinner for 6-8 people, white water rafting, bungee jumping, tickets to Ottawa Redblacks and Ottawa Fury games, passes to golf clubs, and overnight stays in local hotels.

Sip N Style is an excellent opportunity to be introduced to some new craft brews and even discover a new favourite. You can drop in after work on Thursday September 22, eat, drink, be merry, and support a small but might charity! Tickets must be purchased in advance as they sell out fast, so get yours today.

Tickets are available at <https://www.snapuptickets.com/events/detail/sip-n-style> or via Epilepsy Ottawa’s website at epilepsyottawa.ca/sip-n-style.

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Additional facts and resources:

- Epilepsy Ottawa is a not-for-profit, charitable agency dedicated to improving the quality of life for those living with epilepsy or seizure disorders and those closest to them, through support services, education, advocacy, and on-going public awareness. Its vision is to create a community where persons affected by epilepsy and seizure disorders are empowered and supported to live life to the fullest, free of stigma and barriers.
- Platinum sponsor: UCB Canada
- Other sponsors: Avenai, National Access Cannabis, Nurse on Board Ottawa, Tweed, Mill Street Brew Pub, Allegra
- Epilepsy is a neurological condition that affects 1 in 100 Canadians.
- The preferred term is “person with epilepsy” instead of “epileptic.” Studies show that term used impacts the opinion of viewers/readers/listeners about people with epilepsy. For details, please see *Huffington Post Canada*’s [Let’s Shift Our Language When Talking About Epilepsy](#).
- Visit www.epilepsyottawa.ca for more information and to access resources and support.
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