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A message from the Three Day Stampede toward the cure for Cystic Fibrosis to all our incredible volunteers, sponsors, shoppers, and supporters:

Given everything happening in our state and our world, from the pandemic to climate change and the simple passage of time (in spite of our world seemingly coming to a halt for the last few years), we have had to make changes to The Stampede. We will no longer be having our 3 day lawn sale and silent auction event. The constraints required by the pandemic are simply not possible given the physical structure of tents, tables, proximity of people to people and basically everything that has made our giant lawn sale and silent auction what it was. We also have found that having tents up during the constant increase in wind and undependable weather that has happened over time, creates a situation where we simply are not able to ensure the safety of people at the event during one of these sudden weather situations. In conversations with The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation who have insured the event in the past, we have learned that insuring the event in the future becomes difficult or impossible given both of these logistical issues.

There is also the matter of people and equipment simply aging out. David and I and so many of our team have been on the ground working for each year since we started. None of us are ready to admit it but it is a simple truth that each year we get older. Equipment as well continues to age. The tents that we own and that we borrow from all of our generous friends would require lots of new parts from sitting around without being used for 3 years and already 3 of our trailers that we store tables and tents in have broken down onto their axles and aren't able to be used anymore.

This is a decision that we didn't come to easily or quickly. We love The Stampede and all of the people who have become part of our Stampede family. The week we have spent with each of them every July over these 30 years has been a true gift to each of us and means the world to us. The support of the community has been truly overwhelming and made The Stampede the incredible event it became. Over the 30 years of The Stampede we have sent over \$2.2M to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. All of you have been a huge part of the progress that has been made in the treatment for CF. While there have been several new medicines that have improved the quality of life for so many with CF there is still a lot of work left to do so that every person with CF will be able to be part of these life saving advances.

Now we have an exciting opportunity to add to that total while making the necessary changes to the events that The Stampede presents to all of our supporters. These new and expanded parts of The Stampede will allow lots of creative folks within our Stampede family and our community to come up with new and exciting events to continue to raise money towards the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis. WOKO (without whom we would not be The Stampede) remains committed to being our beloved media sponsor. There will be many sponsorship opportunities through all of our marketing and we hope that our many, many long time sponsors will be part of this new era of The Stampede.

We will continue the Walk and the 5K run, which is where we started out 33 years ago and there are lots of ideas percolating that will be fun for all and will involve our incredible sponsors, our astounding and beloved volunteers and will continue the good will and generous spirit that is The Stampede for the cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Please follow us on social media to keep up on what will be happening and thank you all for all you do every day for your community.

All our very best,  
Bonita and David and our wonderful Stampede organizing crew

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