## Media Release

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## **BRIGHT THE NIGHT: A CLUB Q VIGIL**

Victims remembered through community vigil

**York Region, Ontario** – York Pride, CAYR Community Connections Pflag York Region; in partnership with York Regional Police and the City of Markham will host a vigil to hold space as we mourn and reflect on another attack of our queer community at Club Q in Colorado Springs. This act of hate took the lives of five people, injured dozens, and left an engrained mark on the community, just as the Pulse Night Club shooting, in Orlando Florida, in 2016 left 49 people dead and another 68 injured.

Jacob Gal, York Pride states: "In moments of chaos and destruction no matter where these crimes are committed, our communities globally are affected. It's a strong reminder that hate has no boundaries and can emerge form anywhere; even in the least expected places."

Together our organizations will hold vigil on, Thursday November 24th from 7:00-8:00pm at the Markham Civic Center in the plaza between the council chambers and the Flato Markham Theatre. Electronic candles will be available for everyone to participate in our vigil as we come together as a community. This event will be held outdoors, with light refreshments available.

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## About York Pride:

York Pride is now one of the largest 2SLGBTQ+ regional celebrations in Ontario attracting over 25,000+ residents and tourists annually. Hosted across York Region there are events throughout the year to ensure a 360°PRIDE EXPERIENCE for all our guests.

45 minutes from Toronto, Located in York Region. Events and programming run throughout the year, there's an event for any age and adventure goer. Your quaint "small-town" pride experience awaits you at York Pride.