

***Expression of Condolence for  
Christine Ralphs by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Councillor Joe Cressy**

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Christine Ralphs, founder and president of The Friends of University Avenue on October 24, 2021 in Toronto.

Christine was a unique force whose innate style, elegance and talent for creating beauty informed her personal and professional life and garnered her the respect and admiration of many. Christine began her career in retail design in the United States and moved to Canada to co-found the Club Monaco retail brand and later used her expertise to create Lloyd Ralphs Design.

In 2017, Christine founded The Friends of University Avenue, an initiative that partnered with the City of Toronto to illuminate and activate University Avenue - home to many of Toronto's world-renowned hospitals and a street frequented by our frontline heroes and patients looking for care. The initiative was inspired by her experiences on Toronto's Hospital Row, initially when her late husband was a patient at one the hospitals and by her own cancer diagnosis and treatment at the same hospital.

Christine was the driving force behind the creation of a landmark beautification program, supported by a devoted team, called Reimagining University Avenue. It was a vision to create a space of beauty, source of inspiration and healing of light and hope to shine the light on healthcare workers, patients and their families.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Christine's sister, her many nieces and nephews and her friends, colleagues and clients whose lives she touched and inspired.

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