

Ghostly Greenhouses at Davis Family Farm is a haunted house for a good cause

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This Halloween, there will be trick-or-treating, there will be costumes and candy, and there will be haunted houses full of spooktacular fun.

In Caledon East, not only will there be a haunted house, but there will be a haunted house for a good cause.

Davis Family Farm will be turning their greenhouses into a haunted house with their 'Ghostly Greenhouses' event to raise money for the Canadian Celiac Association (CCA) and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

The haunted house at Davis Family Farm (located at 15770 Mountainview Road) will run October 21 and 22 from 7 to 9 p.m., October 23 from 4 to 10 p.m., and October 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is \$5?children under three are free?with all funds going to Canadian Celiac Association and Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

Previously spending time fundraising for the Canadian Celiac Association, Sean Davis and his family saw an opportunity to team up with another organization to bring some fun to the community to benefit those in need this Halloween.

'Up at Davis Family Farm we always try to raise money for the Canadian Celiac Association with our Sunflower Festival and those kinds of things,' said Davis. 'Then we've got great friends who run an organization called Mulligans Fore Matthew and they raise money for Cystic Fibrosis because their son has CF. So, we thought it would be a great idea to convert our two greenhouses at Davis Family Farm into a haunted house for kids to come and enjoy for four days right before Halloween and try to raise some money for some great causes.'

With family friends who run their own charity, but also live for a good Halloween of haunting, the idea was obvious to Davis for how they could help out this fall.

'In this instance, a lot of our motivation came from the Maramier family?who run Mulligans Fore Matthew?because every year they always do up their garage as a haunted house so when trick-or-treaters come, they have the haunted house for them,' Davis said. 'They've always had a passion for Halloween and doing fun stuff like that, but then all of a sudden they were looking to expand and we're always up for fundraisers and community events. It was a perfect combo to have them move into our greenhouse to have a cool haunted house while fundraising.'

Given how much kids have lost over the last 18 months of the pandemic, Davis also saw the Ghostly Greenhouses as a way to hopefully take their minds off the tough times and let them focus on having a good time.

'Another motivation is to give kids fun because they've really missed out over the last year,' Davis said. 'It's one of those things that where we would love to give them the opportunity to have fun and normalize things a little bit. Obviously, we'll still be doing certain things with spacing and making sure that everyone is safe with restrictions, but we want to make Halloween fun again and this was perfect timing and a perfect event for Caledon East this Halloween.'

With Ghostly Greenhouses opening in just a week, Davis has been working to make sure everything is ready to go, and the haunted house won't be short on fright with plenty of hair-raising features.

'Basically, what we've done is we've converted the greenhouses and put walls up so there's a bit of a maze going on,' he said. 'We've got animatronics, scary things, and during sunflower season there's always a pink couch facing the sunflowers, so we've blended that in to have a little scene.'

?It should be fun for the kids, and we're really thrilled about it. We've got the empty space to do it so we're really happy to bring this to the community and every single penny goes to charity.?