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**HALLOWEEN ZOMBIE THRILLER FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF 2012 PLEDGE CHALLENGE
Help the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation help seven local charities**

OTTAWA, October 27, 2011 – Zombies will come to life to raise funds for the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation, kicking off the 2012 Pledge Challenge. Proceeds from this event will help benefit seven local charities that the ODBF supports.

The price of each ticket purchased can be put towards a paddler or team's fundraising goals for next year. Team such as Fleet of Foote and the Scotiabank Spitfires are getting a head start on their 2012 fundraising goals with over \$3,500 and \$2,500 respectively.

Doors of the Cathedral Hall (420 Sparks St.) creep open at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th to welcome guests dressed in zombie casual attire. The evening features a Thriller video reenactment, creepy dining, a haunted house and live entertainment by the DeadMen.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 and include a tax receipt with all proceeds benefitting the ODBF. Advance purchases can be done by cash or check at the office at 180 Kent St. For more information call 613-238-7711 x223

About the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation

In 2003 the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation was established to help grow the level of support for local charities and has raised over \$2.4 million to date through the annual Pledge Challenge. 2012 recipient charities include CHEO, Bruyere Foundation, ArtsSmarts, Debra Dynes Family House, Ottawa Humane Society and U of O Institute of Mental Health Research. (Seventh charity to be announced in January 2012). For more information and to make a donation, visit www.dragonboatfoundation.net

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