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EMMY DUFF SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



2014 Update

The **Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation** continues with its mandate to support students diagnosed with cancer who demonstrate an inspiring commitment to helping others.

You will be pleased to know that the **Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation** raised over \$100,000 plus in this our second year! This is amazing progress towards our goal of raising enough capital so that future scholarships can be awarded from investment income. Six scholarships were awarded to students for 2014/15. As you read about each of the successful applications below, you will understand and appreciate how grateful we are that we are able to support and acknowledge the perseverance of these dedicated students.

Thank you to all donors and to all the volunteers that have supported the **Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation** these last two years. We are truly grateful. We wish you and your families' good health and much happiness for 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Watson".

Carolyn Watson, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Duff".

Graeme Duff, Director

Cineplex Golf for Scholarships 2014 at BraeBen



2nd Year – brings sunshine! The golf tournament at BraeBen, held on June 16, 2014 was blessed with sunshine this year. What an awesome day it was. Kudos to Chris Chappell again for his time and talents as tournament chair. The event raised more than \$38,000. Thanks to all the sponsors, players, donors, and silent auction bidders, whose generosity was indeed overwhelming.

The Inside Ride

Combine – bicycles, costumes, music, munchies, and 45 teams of riders and what have you got???

You have an amazing fun-filled afternoon, all in support of the ***Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation***.

Our second event for 2014 was held on Saturday November 22 at Variety Village. Thanks to Scotiabank for sponsoring this fun-filled, high energy event. Thanks to Pepsi for drinks and munchies. Our volunteer photographer, Yvonne Duivenvoorden captured many special moments.



Awesome results!! Over \$70,000 raised! It was a rockin' ridin' afternoon – as the pics prove. See our website for pictures from this great event!

Over 250 riders of all ages energetically pedalled their bikes to some high octane music and over 900 individuals made donations on behalf of their favourite rider or team. Thanks to all the riders, sponsors, donors and volunteers. The event exceeded all expectations.

Thanks to the terrific committee who made the Inside Ride so successful: Kerry McGrath, Scott Gillis, Alex Collins, Emily Evans, Maddie Dalzell and Chantelle Sawision.

Meet Our 2014 Scholarship Winners

Jon Brent, Stephanie Simmons, Sarah O'Neil, Kailee Rutherford, Grainne Heaney & Samantha Andres

The stories of each of the students is truly inspiring. They have demonstrated perseverance in dealing with their medical challenges and have made a profound impact on those around them and their community. One of the students said it best:

“Being the recipient of this scholarship will allow me to help cover the expenses of my schooling while away from home, but that is not all. I feel the connection of *anyway* with Emmy. Get up *anyway*. Go to school *anyway*. Help others *anyway*. Work hard *anyway*. Make a difference *anyway* I can. So often it is easier to do just enough. But, I know too well the value of each and every day. I choose, like Emmy, to take the days I am given and make them mean everything they can.”



Jon attends Seneca College and is in his second year in the Real Estate Property Administration program. Jon was first diagnosed with leukemia when he was 3 years old. After years of treatment, a bone marrow transplant and dealing with many post-treatment consequences, Jon maintains a positive attitude that has motivated him to make a difference and to strive to have a positive impact on those around him.

The most important thing to Jon is the time spent with family and friends. “Whether a backyard barbeque, a good game of euchre, or gathered around the Stanley Cup playoffs, they are my base”.

Jon has volunteered for the Canadian Blood Services since he was 12 years old. He frequently shares his story in an effort to recruit life-long blood and marrow donors.

Stephanie is in her first year at Fanshawe College studying Landscape and Design. In Stephanie’s words “My hope is to one day become a Horticultural Therapist, to share the joy of growing and caring for a beautiful plant from seed to a healthy mature plant. I would like to do this in nursing homes, rehabilitation centres and hospitals”.

Stephanie was diagnosed with her first brain tumour at the age of 9 and has faced many challenges since then. During her chemotherapy there were often times when going out in the public was not always possible so her gardens got her out of the house and were therapeutic for her.

Stephanie has been volunteering with many organizations and started the Gold Ribbon Campaign to help raise awareness for childhood cancer. Her volunteer efforts helped lead to the lighting up of the CN Tower, Niagara Falls, and BC Place Stadium in **gold** for one day during the month of September in honour of childhood cancer awareness month.

Sarah is a third year student at Western University in the Biological & Medical Science program – with a dream of becoming a paediatric oncologist. Ten years ago Sarah was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer “rhabdomyosarcoma”. She underwent prolonged chemotherapy and radiation. Throughout her treatment Sarah displayed courage, strength and resilience.

Sarah volunteers for Make-a-Wish and Camp Trillium – because “helping out at both of these organizations is very fulfilling for me, and they were there to support my family when I was going through treatment”.

In her application Sarah stated that “Being awarded this scholarship would help me continue on my way to medical school. Although the cost of tuition is a little daunting, it has never caused me to falter or second-guess my ambitions. Receiving Emmy’s scholarship, and being associated with her story, someone whose determination and spirit I can only imagine would have led her to accomplish amazing things, would be an honour”.



Kailee is attending the University of Manitoba enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Microbiology program. Later, Kailee plans to attend Med School and attempt to become a pediatrician. “Growing up I never considered a career as a doctor, but my battle with cancer through my grade eleven year, which included several surgeries, chemo treatments, and countless hospital stays, made me realize my true calling was to help children who are sick”.

Kailee started to public speak about her journey with cancer. She has spoken in 25 different schools. Kailee got custom cancer awareness bracelets made with the money raised going towards the Children’s Cancer ward in Winnipeg, where she spent over nine months.

Grainne is enrolled at Centennial College in the Practical Nursing program. Her own experiences and volunteer work have made Grainne realize that she wants to help others who are ill, especially children with cancer. This scholarship will make a very big difference for Grainne as she will be paying for most of her tuition by herself – it will allow her to work fewer hours each week and spend more time studying!

In 2006 Grainne was diagnosed with a thalamic glioma that caused a blockage in the ventricles of her brain and Hydrocephalus occurred. Surgeries were necessary, including the insertion of a shunt – which she still has.

Grainne began volunteering with the Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund. She attended Camp Oochigeas (a camp for children and teens dealing with cancer), and now volunteers there – because Camp Ooch helped so much with her experiences.



Samantha's journey with cancer began in 2002. She was a normal 8 year old child who loved sports, gymnastics and dance when she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma that had spread to her lungs. Surgery and chemotherapy was required as well as further surgeries to deal with subsequent complications. She has been cancer free for 10 years.

When Samantha was in the hospital some of the nurses became some of her best friends, and they were a constant source of support. "While going through my cancer journey, I realized that I wanted to be able to provide the hope and support to other families navigating their way through the cancer journey. This is when I realized I wanted to go to school to become a nurse". Samantha hopes to become a paediatric oncology nurse at Alberta Children's Hospital. She is currently enrolled in her 4th year at Mount Royal University in Calgary.

Samantha's volunteer activities include being a member of a teen leadership group, a spokesperson for Kids Cancer Care and a counsellor at Camp Sunrise (a fully integrated day camp program for children with and without special needs).

The Emmy Duff Scholarship Foundation is deeply grateful to the following generous donors who each funded the cost of one 2014 scholarship:

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