

MORGAN, Heidi

'No authority' to pledge fund

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BANCROFT - The mother of six-year-old Heidi Morgan "has no authority, at all, to pledge" more than \$11,000 to the London Ont. hospital where her daughter's underwent surgery this week on a rare bone disease, says a trustee for the Heidi Fund here.

Peter Gevaert, manager of the North Hastings Community Credit Union where more than \$12,000 for the Heidi Fund has been deposited by the Bancroft Lion's Club - original sponsors of the fund-raising drive - said Tuesday Christine Morgan is in no position to be giving the money in the fund to anyone yet.

"I am having a meeting with lawyers (today to decide what will happen to the money. Until then, she (Christine Morgan) or anyone else

has no authority at all to pledge any of the money."

Gevaert refused to comment further on the issue until he meets today with lawyers at 1 p.m. in Bancroft.

Monday, Heidi's mother announced she would donate \$11,000 to the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario in London.

Last Friday, doctors at the hospital performed a lengthy session of surgery on Heidi to help correct a problem the girl has with an abnormally growing bone in her face.

The money was raised by organizations and individuals in the Quinte area when it was at first learned that Heidi, of Eldorado, north of Madoc, would have to go to a Texas clinic for the operation. The fund was to pay travel and accommodation expenses for her and her mother. The Ontario Health Insurance Plan was to pay for the operation.

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