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Reason to smile



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Tim Hortons franchise owners in Port Hope, Cobourg and Colborne decided to donate the proceeds from this year's Smile Cookie Campaign to Rebound Child and Youth Services Northumberland. The money - a whopping \$17,123 - will help Rebound provide free tutoring, boys and girls self-esteem programs, life skills and anger awareness programs, youth justice diversion programs and mental health support services. The Smile Cookies program was established by Tim Hortons in 1996 and has grown into a major fundraising event across North America, says Jeri Horton Joyce, owner of the Division Street, Cobourg franchise and daughter of Tim Horton. Last year, the campaign raised a staggering \$5 million across Canada and the United States. Rebound is one of more than 500 charities supported through the campaign. Money raised by individual restaurants goes to charities in their own areas. Among the dignitaries attending last week's cheque presentation were local franchise owners Jeri Horton Joyce and John Meeussen, Cobourg Mayor Gil Brocanier, Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs, Cobourg Police personnel and Rebound board members.

COLBORNE: Memorial tree honours seven children

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Festival supports music program

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COLBORNE - The Festival of Trees, in support of Colborne Public School's music program, kicks off on Friday evening and runs until Saturday.

Every year a special Remembering Our Babies memorial tree is among the trees in the silent auction. That tree is decorated in honour of seven local children who have died: Mitchell Ferguson, Lizzy Corbeil, Robyn and Eric Taylor, Kandas Derry, Kevin and Brandon Cote.

Over the last four years through generous donations and community support, \$40,000 raised.

Robin Ferguson's 14-year-old son Mitchell was killed less than two weeks before Christmas 2008 in a tobogganing accident.

"The memorial trees represent

strength, celebration, unity and love," his mother says.

"The trees represent a celebration of their entire lives: their personalities, their laughter, their interests and the impact they made while they were here.

"It warms my heart to see how these simple trees impact others and their day-to-day lives. The memorial trees represent a real 'pay it forward' moment that a small community stumbled upon with the help of (teacher) Chad and Lorraine Morford."

Money raised has gone to the Colborne Public School for items such as a five-day trip to Halifax, a three-day trip to Montreal and Toronto, purchase of an entire new drumline, updated sound system and repairs on all instruments.

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In Memoriam

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Samuel Arthur Duthie
1956-2012

Even though it has been two years
It feels like yesterday that you left us
We miss your sense of humour,
stories and creativeness. You were a
loving husband, father,
brother and friend.

From the Duthies

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