

GDHS returns to challenge Acton High in Bump for Life





October, 1976, saw the first Cystic Fibrosis Bump-for-Life dance-a-thon in Georgetown, and it has been an annual event ever since.

Originally sponsored by the Kinsmen Clubs of southern Ontario (District One), the ten-hour dance-a-thon boosted the C.F. Fund by \$36,000 with \$6,200 being raised by the students of Georgetown and Acton high schools. The project proved to be an excellent opportunity for student involvement and some healthy competition between the two schools.

Although a lot of fun, a dance-a-thon is hard work, too. The students must first obtain their pledges from their families, friends, and fellow students. Once the dancing starts, dancers are allowed just one ten-minute break every hour. Snacks, lunch and supper, donated by local businesses, are served by the Kinsmen, Kinettes, and Kin Wives during these short breaks, then it's back to the dance floor and blaring music

The first year the C.F. Bump-for-Life was held, Acton High School won a trophy and \$2,000 for their overwhelming effort. They had the highest pledge-per-dancer of all 17 high schools involved in the dance-a-thon. Since then, the Georgetown Kinsmen have made the Bump-for-Life a yearly event, and heal students have raised over \$12,000 for Cystic Fibrosis in the past three years.

Although Georgetown High has been unable to participate for the past few years due to changes in curriculum, this year they will again juin the Acton Students to make the 1900 Bump-for-Life dance-a-thon the biggest and most rewarding ever.



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