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## Dealing with ALS

Dad, 43, will take part in June 4 fundraising walk

By LISA TALLYN  
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Life changed dramatically for Scott Murray this past November 17.

That was the day the Georgetown man's neurologist told him and his wife Susan Anderson that he had ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)— a progressively paralyzing and fatal neu-

romuscular disease— also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

"It was shocking and surreal," said Murray, 46. "You don't believe it's really happening. We knew something was wrong but I don't think you're ever prepared to hear that."

The father of two young children

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## TheIFP.ca— your new local news site

When we launched our new website— InsideHalton.com— a year ago the intent was to be able to provide Halton Hills readers with a wider range of coverage— a Halton-wide range.

In the past 12 months we've come to the conclusion Halton Hills residents want a site that focuses specifically on Halton Hills news and information— first and foremost.

That's why we have launched **theIFP.ca** website— Halton Hills' primary web source for local news.

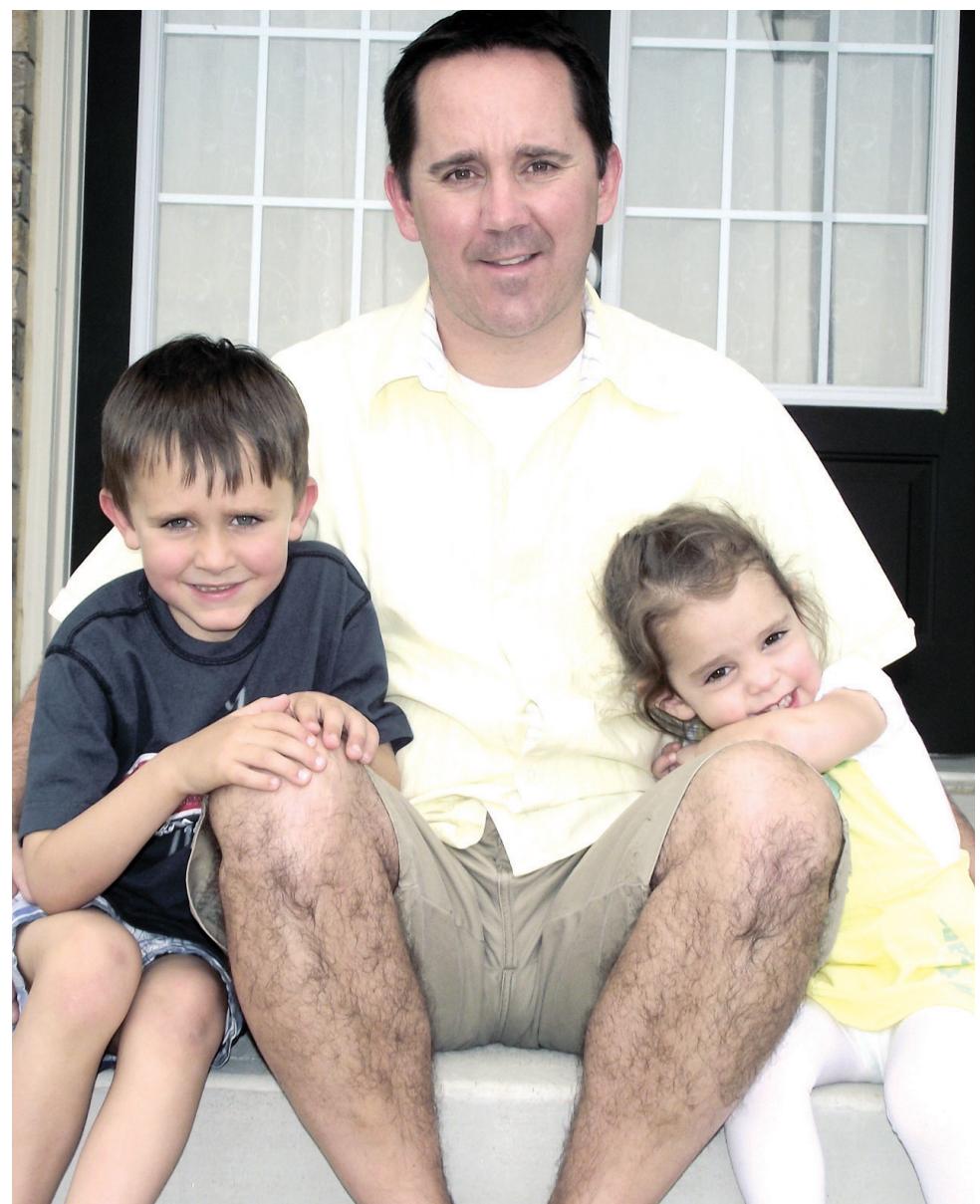
The site is easier to navigate and, while we will still report on Halton events affecting local residents, site visitors will not have to navigate through stories from our sister Halton papers to find Halton Hills news.

In short, the site offers all the advertising and news features InsideHalton.com did, but is a Halton Hills-only site.

Readers of the newspaper may also notice we have redesigned our front page to add a bit of colour to our banner and we've altered the way we highlight stories inside.

We hope you like the changes.

The screenshot shows the homepage of theIFP.ca. At the top, there's a banner for 'NEW DESIGNS 30' 36' & 40' LOTS'. Below the banner, the logo for 'theIFP.ca' is displayed, along with a navigation bar for Home, News, Sports, What's On, Opinion, Community, and Announcements. A sidebar on the left lists 'Latest Georgetown News' with a thumbnail image of a Highland Games. The main content area has several news articles with small images and headlines. At the bottom, there are sections for Multimedia and Georgetown Headlines, along with a poll and news items.



Scott Murray, pictured here with his two children Ben and Sarah, was recently diagnosed with ALS. He and his wife Susan have been taking it "one day at a time" since his diagnosis in November. The Murray family, along with other relatives and friends, will be taking part in the upcoming Acton/Georgetown Walk for ALS at Gellert Community Centre Saturday, June 4 at 9 a.m.  
Photo by Lisa Tallyn

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