

Family struck with ALS invites community to donate one dollar

A local family has been devastated by an ALS diagnosis, but they aren't letting the disease knock them down.

In March, Georgetown resident Ervin Balanowski was confirmed to have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease. Currently, there is no cure, nor are there any treatments.

Through tears, family gatherings and hope, the family is stepping forward and asking the community to do the same by donating just one dollar this weekend at the family's home which will be donated to the ALS Society of Canada.

Balanowski's wife, Shari, along with friends and family will be at 20 Dawson Crescent, Georgetown at 11 a.m. this Saturday to collect loonies and toonies which will be donated towards funding research. The family hopes the event will be a step in the right direction towards finding a cure.

I know the money won't go towards our family, but it will go to all the families having to deal with ALS, Shari said.

In June, Balanowski and his family walked in the Halton Hills Walk for ALS under the team name Erv's Angels. The fundraiser is the largest volunteer-run fundraiser for the disease.



Ervin Balanowski, front, and his family will be at 20 Dawson Cres. this Saturday to fundraise for the ALS Society of Canada.

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The family is also looking to give community hours to students during the event. Those interested are asked to contact Shari at 905-877-0615.

Information on Erv's Angels and donations can be made at www.onedollarforals.com.



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