

Scrapbook fundraiser Saturday for SickKids Hospital

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Local resident Kathryn Stewart will host a scrapbooking fundraiser this Saturday in Georgetown for neuroblastoma research, with proceeds earmarked for The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

At the age of five, the 14-year-old was diagnosed with Stage 4 neuroblastoma, a cancer of the nervous system that occurs in young children and is often difficult to diagnose because its symptoms can be vague.

Stewart has spent much of the last nine years in and out of treatment at SickKids, and wants to help build awareness and raise funds for neuroblastoma research.

This event, named Kathryn's Krop for a Kure, combines her love for scrapbooking with a longstanding commitment to finding a cure for the disease.

"I did a scrapbook when I was five or six and loved it, so I'd love to do it again, but with treatments and everything, it just hasn't happened," said Stewart recently prior to an afternoon visit to Mississauga's Credit Valley Hospital for chemotherapy.

"So I really want to do this for rare cancers, because those don't usually get a lot of fundraising. We're hoping to make this a yearly thing."

To date, Stewart has undergone 42 rounds of chemotherapy, 22 rounds of radiation, approximately 20 surgeries, two bone marrow transplants, and 10 months of immunotherapy treatment at SickKids.

The cancer has returned five times, but she has fought and beaten it each time. Despite all the challenges she has faced, she is an honour student who has great friends.

Stewart was named the valedictorian of her graduating Grade 8 class at Centennial Middle School and has just started Grade 9 classes at Georgetown District High School.

Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes lunch but not scrapbooking materials. There will be silent auction, a raffle, a variety of vendor tables, and gift bags available for all attendees. The silent auction and raffle are open to the public and prizes include platinum Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, an iPad, a suite at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga with admission for 12 people to an Ontario Hockey League Steelheads' game, as well as spending an evening in the National Hockey League's replay review room at its Toronto headquarters. The event is open to the public, even if they are not a scrapbooker.

To learn more, visit facebook.com/events/1327307194059183. To make a donation, visit: sickkidsdonations.com.

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Chris Vernon/Metroland

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