

Family launches fund in memory of local boy

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Staff Writer

The family of a three-year-old Georgetown boy who died of a rare form of cancer last year has launched a fund to raise money to help find a cure for the disease.

Aidan's Quest Fund has been set up at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children to raise money for research into neuroblastoma cancer. It was started by Aidan's aunt Theresa Sunseri.

"My husband and I want to give back and the only way we could do that is to help other children with neuroblastoma," said Aidan's mom Donna Benoit.



AIDAN BENOIT

Aidan died of the disease last October after battling the cancer for more than a year.

The family is hosting a fundraiser dinner/dance on Oct. 24 at Caesar's Banquet Hall in Bolton.

Money raised at the dinner, dance, silent auction, sale of raffle and door prize tickets will go to the research fund.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost per person is \$80.

Sunseri said the goal is to sell 300 tickets and raise \$25,000 in total.

Seven companies have sponsored the event so far including: Halton Hills Rad & Tire, Dixie Auto Group— Georgetown Kia, Bos Lift Truck Sales, Georgetown Market Place and On-Time Mobile.

On hand for the event will be Toronto Maple Leaf Jamal Mayers and his wife Natalie. They will serve as honorary co-chairs of Aidan's Quest Fund.

To purchase tickets call Sunseri at 905-951-0569 or e-mail sunseri@rogers.com.



CASHh donation

Following the 50th anniversary fundraising celebration of Fred's Towing at Georgetown Market Place, organizers donated a total of \$2,523.50 to Cancer Assistance Services-Halton Hills (CASHh). On hand for the presentation outside Fred's Towing office at 46 Guelph St., Georgetown, were (front, from left) Erin, Alexandra and Rob Arsenault, Danny Edwards of CASHh, Marg Tolton, Cath Arsenault and Sarah Arsenault. In back, Terry Layton, Debbie Layton, Paul Snyder, Dan Hynes, Sean Goodwin and Shaun Hughes.

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Task force established to determine future of arenas

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A special task force will be set up this fall to help direct future council decisions on its arenas in Georgetown.

Mayor Rick Bonnette received approval from council Monday night to launch the Georgetown Arenas Task Force to be chaired by Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis.

Bonnette said the need for a task force arose from several converging factors: the new Recreation Strategic Plan 2006-2016 which recommends an additional 1 to 1.5 more arenas for Georgetown; a 20-year assessment of the aging Memorial Arena which outlined a financial crippling mainte-

nance bill on an annual basis and an increasing demand for more ice time.

The mayor pointed out Memorial Arena is in the red by \$130,000 annually.

"There are tremendous costs to Memorial Arena so we're going to take a good look at it," he said.

The task force will be directed to make recommendations to council by April 30, 2009 on the future of Memorial Arena and on the provision of additional ice surfaces in Georgetown.

"I see this task force as being the blueprint for the next four to five years," said Bonnette. "We don't want any surprises in the future."

Lewis told future committee members to get ready to skate and ensure

the process will be open and transparent the public.

The task force has been directed to report back to council next month on its Terms of Reference with opportunities for future public input.

"I have documentation from another community that started something very similar and I believe from the day they started to the day the rink opened was five years. We'll probably be more than that but we have to get started," Lewis said.

The task force will include two other yet-to-be-named Georgetown councillors, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin, Director of Parks and Recreation Terry Alyman and key arena users and residents-at-large in the community.



The Acton Community Hub would like to thank you for helping make the Grand Opening such a success!

- **McKenzie-Smith Bennett, St. Joseph's, Robert Little & Acton High School for your continued support**
- **Multicultural dance performers, the Everybody Dance Club & the youth musicians - wonderful entertainment**
- **Chris McIntosh & Kellen Wiersma for your amazing volunteerism**
- **All the youth volunteers - thank you Hub Crew!**
- **Sobey's, Tim Horton's, Home Hardware and M&M Meats for your generous donations**
- **The Acton Community Hub team for all their dedication and hard work!**
- **Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Bill Allison - Trillium Foundation, Mary Beth Jonz - Director of Children's Services at the Halton Region, & Suzanne Mulligan of Our Kids Network for bringing greetings of support**
- **A special thank you to all of you who came out and enjoyed the opening!**

Thank You!

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