By Julie Slack CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

E Being a new mom was something Deana Wilson had been thrilled about.

When her son Liam was born on Feb. 14, 2015, she knew her life ੈ was about to change. Growing, | learning and caring for her first child quickly went from a case of mother's love into a life mission to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) — the condition he was diagnosed with just days after his birth.

₹ At the time, Wilson knew little —about the condition, which is a genetic disorder that mostly affects the lungs, but also the pancreas, liver, kidneys and intestine. CF can make it difficult to breathe. In Liam's case, his breathing is sometimes laboured, almost sounding like he has cold congestion in his lungs.

"It was a total shock when we found out," said Wilson, who had Liam by emergency C-section.

When Wilson first started reading about CF on websites, it became

Local moms committed to funding a cure for CF

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Deana Wilson and her son Liam will be walking in Milton's Carstar Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis History at Country Heritage Park May 29. Little Liam lives with CF, as does five-year-old Kaitlyn Costanzo (at right), also of Milton.

clear that it was an illness that her son was going to have his entire life. And, worse yet, it could result in severe symptoms or untreatable ones. She stopped reading. Instead, she started doing.

Fundraising, leading, cheering: Wilson put her heart and soul into becoming a champion for CF and making sure everyone in Milton was aware of it and able to donate to help fund a cure.

Fast-forward to now; Liam is a smiling, happy child who has been hospitalized three times.

He loves reading and cuddles with his grandparents Wayne and Marianne Wilson, who love having



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the chance to see Liam grow up, proudly boasting about all his latest accomplishments and newest words.

"He needs my attention from the moment he wakes up and he's



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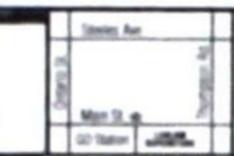
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