

Stroke victim requires help from community on her road to recovery

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
STOUFFVILLE — A classified ad in today's Tribune reads simply: "Help — Stroke victim (mother) with special problems, 1/2 days. Please call 640-1313."

For Lynne Pupella of R.R. 3, Stouffville, this request for assistance is part of a trying saga that dates back to July 19, 1985.

At that time she was a successful young accountant, married, in good health and seven months pregnant with her first child. Then in a matter of seconds, everything came crashing down.

Mrs. Pupella had just finished eating a bowl of strawberries at her parents' Lake Muskoka cottage, when she suddenly suffered a ruptured aneurysm in her brain.

She was rushed to Bracebridge Hospital and then, in what she considers a life-saving decision by an attending nurse, was whisked to Toronto General Hospital where the seriousness of her illness was diagnosed.

Her condition was so precarious

at one point that doctors decided to deliver her baby prematurely. A boy, Niko, was born with a related throat disorder but has been doing much better since coming home with his mom.

Brain damage had caused paralysis down one side of Mrs. Pupella's body, thus making the recovery process a tremendous challenge.

When finally released from hospital, she required extensive therapy to help her re-learn all the normal functions — speaking, writing, walking, etc. — that most healthy persons take for granted.

Two subsequent brain operations were required and the patient is anticipating a third (and hopefully final) one before the end of 1987.

"I want to get it done and over with, and I hope to not see another hospital for the rest of my life," she said recently; her speech still noticeably slow and deliberate.

Mrs. Pupella's family mem-

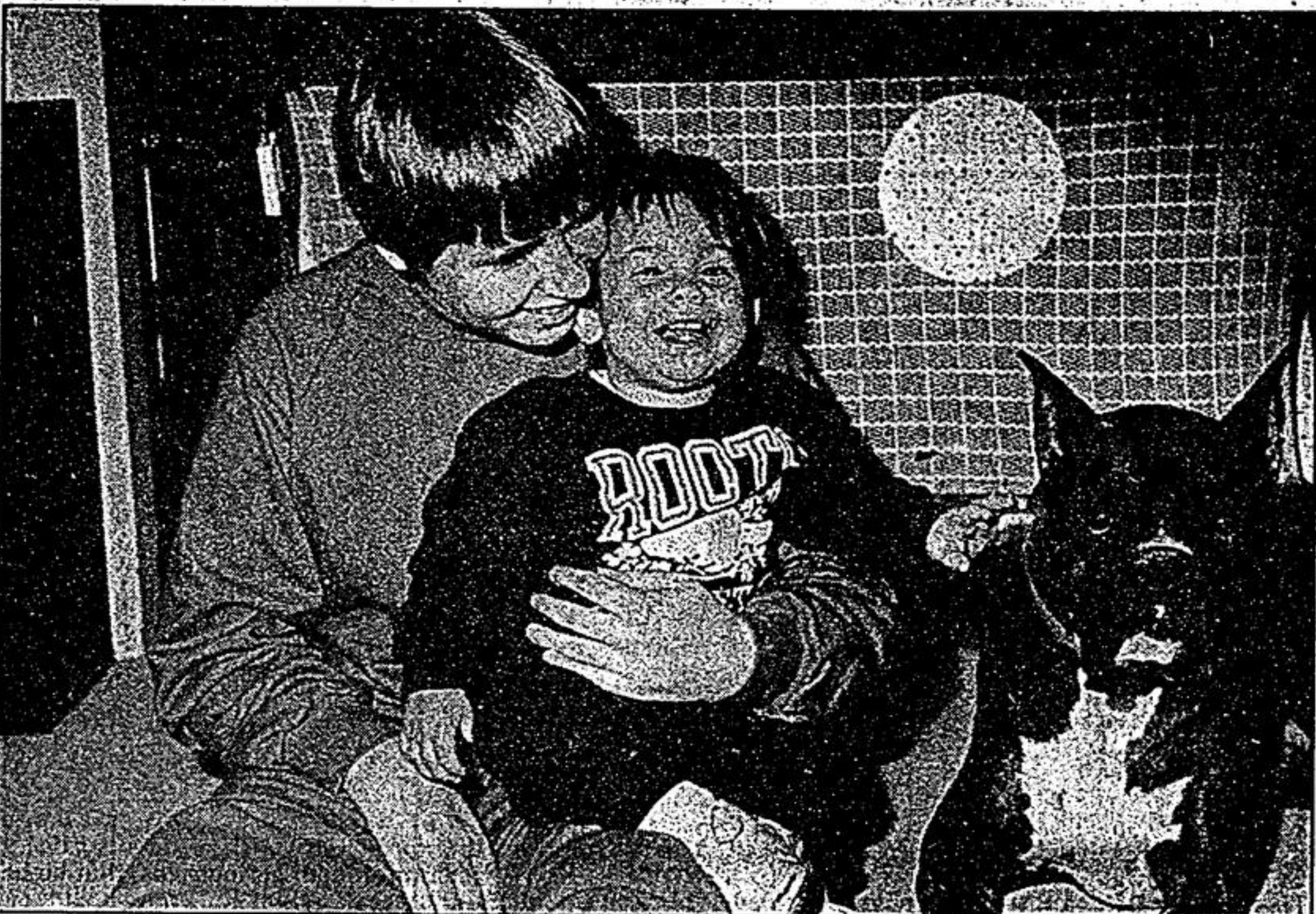
bers are limited in their ability to assist her now that she's back at her rural Stouffville home. As a result, the 30-year-old mother is looking to the community for a helping hand.

She's able to manage most household duties involved with raising a young child, but craves the free time that she can't afford at present.

"I'm looking for someone to come in the afternoons or in the morning," she said of the volunteer weekday position. "I can take care of him (Niko), but once or twice a week I'd like to go riding."

The avid equestrian's horse hobby is yet another thing that has been forced onto the back burner during the past year.

A volunteer may also be required to provide transportation locally as Mrs. Pupella is unable to drive a car following a seizure connected with her condition.



Stouffville mother copes with disability

Lynne Pupella of R.R. 3, Stouffville, enjoys a happy family life with son Niko, 17 months, and dog Tyler despite the various setbacks she has faced since 1985. The former head of her own accountancy firm is now

confined to her rural home as she battles back from a stroke that necessitated extensive brain surgery.

—Chris Shanahan

Miss Canada hits slopes at Dagmar on Monday

BRIDGE TWP. — Miss Canada 1987 will grace the slopes of Dagmar Ski Resort on Monday, Jan. 19, 1987. Miss Canada 1986, Tina May Simpson, 22, year-old St. Catharines resident, assists skiing as one of her hobbies. She will have a day-long visit to the Haldimand County facility on Monday, Jan. 19.

Miss Simpson was crowned Oct. 27, 1986 during the 40th anniversary Miss Canada Pageant aired on CTV Television.

She's a nursing school graduate who plans to obtain her Masters degree for business administration in marketing research. Miss Canada appears locally on the half of pageant sponsor Elan Ski.

National Ski Week officially gets underway at Dagmar Saturday with an anniversary party for the resort's Ski program. This is to be followed by family fun in the Nordic area on Sunday.

Monday is Molson's Day where skiers pay just \$1.99 for either a lift pass or trail fee good between 12 noon and 6 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Lung Association of Durham Region.

There'll also be a special presentation of a computer donated by Richard Bojara of Whiby's Compu-Link Systems, Inc. to Camp Samac in Oshawa.

A variety of events carry on throughout the week including a Casino Night set for Saturday, Jan. 24. Again, money raised here will be donated to the Durham Lung Association in conjunction with 1987's Ski For Life theme.

In 1986, Dagmar won a national competition for its promotional efforts during National Ski Week.



MISS CANADA — TINAMAY SIMPSON

Editor's Mail

Volunteers thanked

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the United Way of York Region and campaign chairman Carmen DiPaola, I wish to say thank you to all of the people in Stouffville who made generous donations to the recently completed United Way campaign.

We achieved our forecasted

goal of \$1,236,000, a good deal of this coming from the businesses and residents of the Stouffville area.

We would like also to thank all those campaign workers and in particular, Stouffville chairman Hank De Groot, for the long hours spent on our behalf.

The generous support we re-

ceived will allow our 30 member agencies to continue with their work in York Region without any interruption.

Again, many thanks Stouffville!

Yours truly,
Andrew Meles,
Vice-president,
Community Relations,
United Way of York Region

SIDEWALK Sale



WOODSIDE SQUARE

FINCH AVENUE AT McCOWAN

Wednesday,
January 14th

Thursday,
January 15th

Friday,
January 16th

Saturday,
January 17th