

Fundraiser to pay for boy's funeral

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After years of fighting for her son Patrick, former Stouffville resident Ingrid Cameron has been left to pay \$14,000 in funeral and other expenses.

Her sister, Linda Gonzales, is organizing a fundraiser June 17 at the Goodwood Community Centre to help the family which is financially drained after years of medical costs and the funeral expenses when Patrick died unexpectedly March 29 at the age of 17.

Patrick died two months before the two years the policy had to be in effect had passed.

He visited his doctor earlier that day and his parents were reassured he was fine.

The family had bought insurance to cover funeral expenses in the event of Patrick's death, but he died two months before the two years the policy had to be in effect had passed.

The insurance company

is sending Ingrid's 22 months of premiums back plus interest, Ms Gonzales said.

Patrick Feor was born on Nov. 28, 1988, with a congenital heart defect.

After heart surgery at age two left him with brain damage, he was confined to a wheelchair and had to be sedated at bedtime.

His brain no longer told him when it was time to go to sleep. Before the surgery, he was talking, walking, running and playing like other toddlers.

When Ingrid married Cameron Fraser about six years ago, funding for Patrick's medication ceased.

Patrick required 24-hour care and Mrs. Fraser, with her husband's support, was constantly advocating for Patrick so he would receive the wheelchair accessories, braces and other equipment he needed.

Mrs. Fraser broke her back at work about two years ago, Mrs. Gonzales said.

The family, including five-year-old Cassandra and Jenna, who is two, will move back to Stouffville sometime in the fall.

Mrs. Gonzales is appealing to merchants and business owners in Stouffville, Markham, Uxbridge and Sutton for help for the fundraiser.

More donations are still required for the silent auctions, door prizes and raffle draws at the fundraising event. Mrs. Gonzales is planning to acknowledge all

donations in the local media.

For more information on donating or participating in the event, call 705-228-8278 or 289-231-3212.

A bank account has been opened for donations to the family at the Toronto Dominion Bank, branch 3776, account 6248009.

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