

# Sun-Tribune people

## Grandma turns heads for leukemia patients

BY JIM MASON  
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Isabella Dunn lives to turn heads. If she is not shaving or decorating hers, she's colouring her hair.

It's all in the name of leukemia.

The 67-year-old Stouffville's resident's granddaughter, Christina, was 18 when she visited the doctor. Her energy was zapped and she was over-sleeping, even by teenaged standards.

The diagnosis hit the family hard: acute lymphoblast leukemia.

Given a month to live without treatment, the Bowmanville resident went through more than two years of intense radiation and chemotherapy.

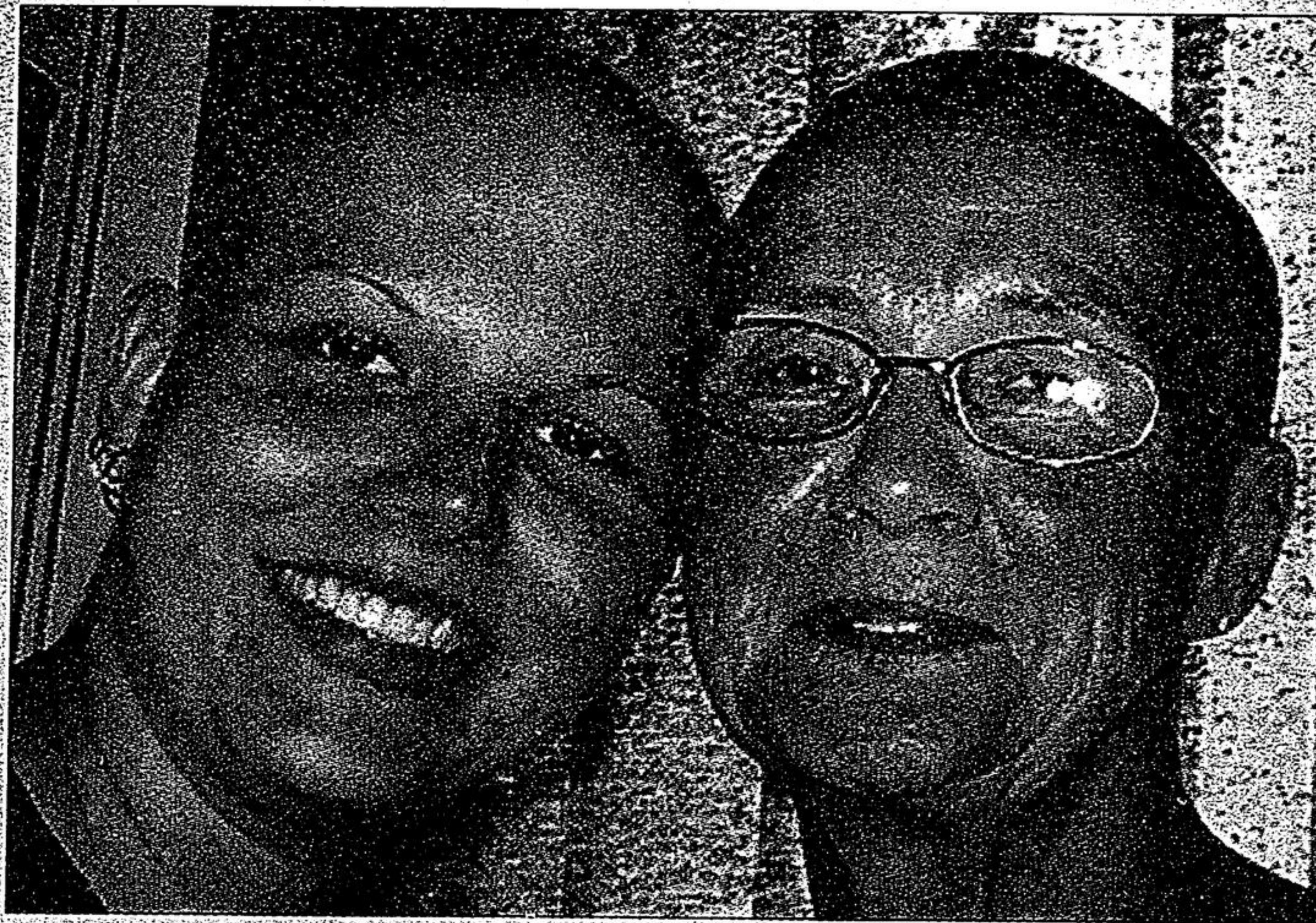
"She put her life on hold to focus on recovery and treatment," her mother, former Stouffville resident Brenda Caverly, said.

Christina, who turns 20 in June, is in remission.

Her family's work on behalf of people with leukemia isn't.

Brenda is working out with Team in Training, the fundraising campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Their goal is to find the cure for all blood cancers. Christina has been named their honorary teammate for 2007.

Brenda will run the half-marathon with the



Isabella Dunn (right) and granddaughter Christina had matching lids in 2005.

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team at the ING Ottawa Marathon May 27.

"There are some people who aren't as successful as Christina," she said. "That's who this is for."

Back in Stouffville, Mrs. Dunn is again raising money for her daughter's run in her granddaughters' name. She has \$400 of her \$1,500

goal. She collected more than \$1,700 last year. She shaved her head, to match Christina's, as part of the effort in 2005.

She's coloured her hair again this year and is attaching bows to her glasses and earrings. People stop to ask why. She tells Christina's story.

"They usually give you something, even if it's just \$1," she said. "The kids in town keep me going. They say they love my hair or wish their mom would do the same."

"People always ask if I'm crazy or doing a benefit. I tell them I'm a little of both."

For more information on Christina and Brenda, go to [teamintraining.org/eur](http://teamintraining.org/eur) to donate, call Isabella Dunn at 905-640-8411

## Whitchurch-Stouffville News Digest

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### Gun charges laid near lake

A Whitchurch-Stouffville man is facing charges after York Regional Police got a report of a shotgun being fired north of Musselman's Lake Thursday night.

The weapon was being discharged in the Ninth Line and Aurora Road area, according to a Sun-Tribune reader.

No injuries and no damage were reported, police said.

A 48-year-old man was charged with the careless use of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

### Survivor speaks at dinner

Kathleen Kenna, a Canadian journalist who survived a grenade attack in Afghanistan, is the guest speaker at the Night of a Thousand Dinners, which raises funds to eradicate landmines around the world.

Presented by the Stouffville Rotary Club, the April 12 event at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club is held in conjunction with the Canadian Landmines Foundation.

Money raised at the dinners funds landmine removal and helps victims of landmines.

Ms Kenna was a foreign correspondent in 2002 in Afghanistan writing about the war for The Toronto Star when a grenade was thrown into her vehicle. She was so severely injured she wasn't expected to survive.

Ms Kenna is now a full-time student in a master's program in rehabilitation counselling.

Tickets are \$25 from 905-642-9507, 905-640-2376 or 905-640-3131.

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Suspect in third robbery in recent months at Stouffville's PACE Credit Union.

## RECOGNIZE THIS MAN?

# Robbery suspect caught on video

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Do you know this man?

He is wanted by York Regional Police in connection with the robbery of PACE Credit Union on Stouffville's Main Street last week.

After walking into the branch March 14 around 1 p.m., he demanded cash, while keeping his hand inside the blue Nike hoodie he was wearing suggesting he was packing a weapon, police said.

After getting the money, which he placed in a cream-coloured LCBO bag, he ran through the rear of the bank and westbound across

the parking lot towards Lloyd Street.

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Hold-up squad investigators released surveillance pictures of him earlier this week.

He is described as male, with light brown skin, between 28 and 30 years old, six-feet two-inches tall with a medium build, short black hair, dark eyes and was unshaven.

He was wearing the Nike hoodie, black pants, tan shoes and black gloves.

A call to the PACE credit union Thursday was not returned.

Anyone with information about the robbery is urged to call the York Regional Police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7873, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave a tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com)



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