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WELLNESS

Transplant recipient applauds directory

You can register organs, tissue online

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Dan Hargrave couldn't help but smile when he heard online organ and tissue donor registration has launched.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville resident received two lung transplants, the first in 2002 and the second last year, due to cystic fibrosis, a genetic, multi-organ disease affecting the lungs and digestive system.

Although it may not be the absolute solution because there are many factors to consider when matching a donor to a patient, widening the pool can only help the situation, he said.

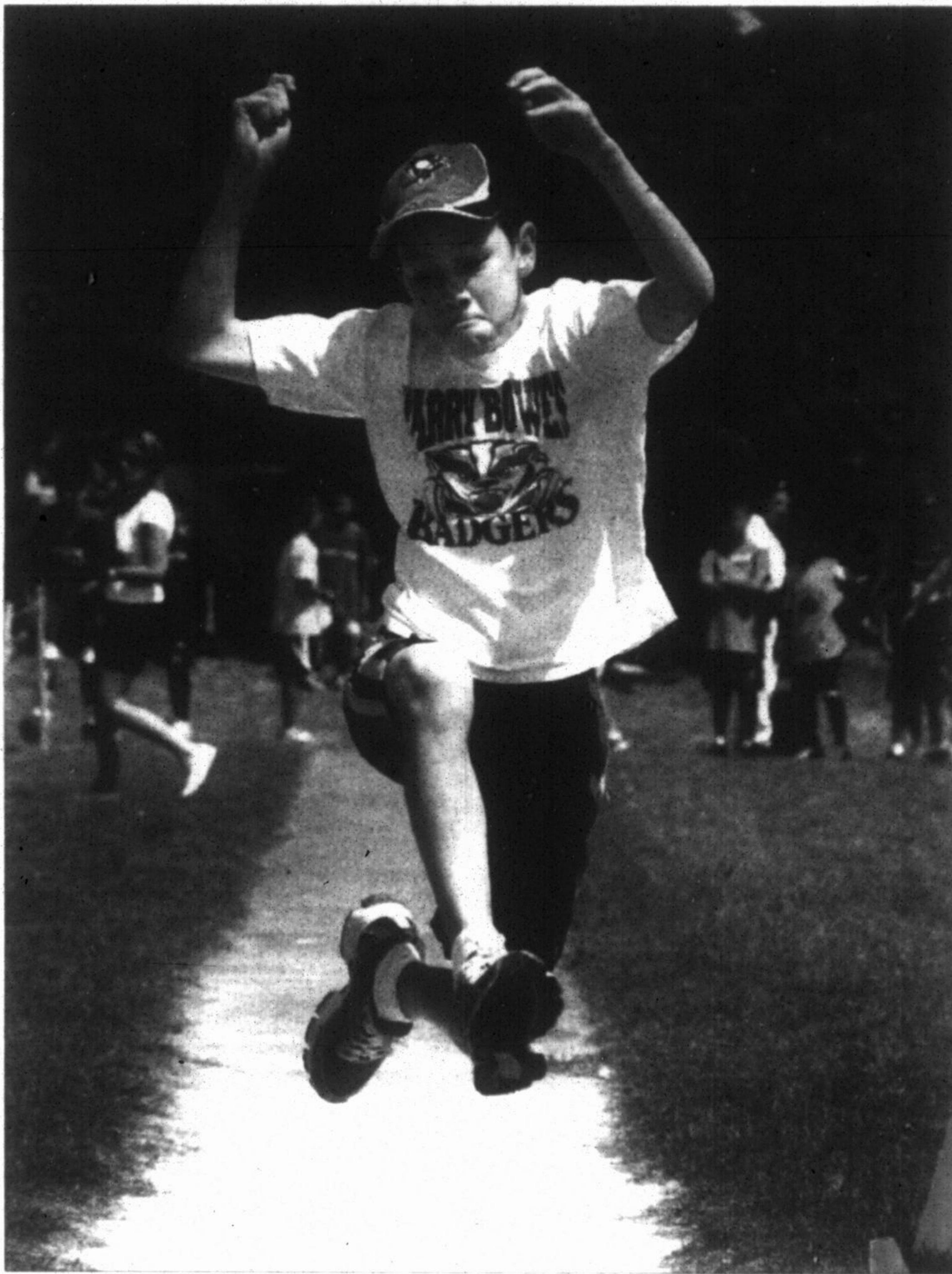
"This is pretty exciting because this is something I've always wanted," he said. "It means people have less of an excuse to not register."

When he heard the news, his thoughts instantly turned to everyone he knows still on a long waiting list for an organ. He knows this will give them more hope.

One donor's organs can save

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HANG TIME



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Nathan Wilson of Harry Bowes Public School stretches it out in the long jump during the York Region public elementary schools regional track and field championships at the Connell-Franklin Track next to the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

100 jobs created last year

New companies opened, but existing firms hired more workers

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More than 100 jobs were created in Whitchurch-Stouffville last year.

Most of the positions came from the expansion of existing employers.

"That's great news," said Rebecca Mustard, economic development officer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A number of new businesses also opened their doors, including the Toyota and Hyundai dealerships, a second Shoppers Drug Mart location, as well as a number of eateries along Main Street.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's largest employment sector in 2010 was personal services, which accounted for 23.7 per cent of the town's 10,000 jobs in the survey area, according to the York Region Employment and Industry 2010 report.

Farm and home-based businesses were not included in the survey.

Manufacturing (15.3 per cent) and retail trade (14.2) were the town's other primary employers.

The municipality's fastest growing employment sector in 2009-2010 was business services at 11.3 per cent, according to the report.

In 2010, more than 46 new business investment inquiries were made to the town. However, not many have resulted in actual new business ventures, according to Ms Mustard.

"Business decisions just don't happen

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