

# Residents backing weekend charity car build

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At least 500 classic cars will be on display while roughly seven live bands entertain those who come out this weekend to support Build for a Cause.

"It's just gotten really big," said organizer Ramsey Debaissi. The Stouffville resident's son was diagnosed with leukemia back in February.

The three-day event (June 21 to 23) is a fundraiser for Sick Kids' Hospital's pediatric cancer research.

Starting tomorrow night, Mr. Debaissi and some of his friends will rebuild a 1969 Camaro. It will be fully restored by Sunday night.

A portion of Reeves Way Boulevard in southern Stouffville will be closed to traffic and filled with cool cars, as well as food vendors, activities for kids, a band and DJ as well as characters from Sesame Street.

The community's support has been unexpected.

"I wasn't planning for it but I'm grateful Stouffville is such a tight community," he said.

The event goes rain or shine.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Mayors racing beds in hospital fundraiser

Mayor Wayne Emmerson and his Markham counterpart, Frank Scarpitti, may want to get some sleep.

They'll be racing hospital beds down Main Street Unionville Sunday in support of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation's Buy a Bed program. It's part of the Ninth Line facility's \$50 million expansion campaign.

Twelve teams of five, including representatives of local businesses and the hospital's community partners, will participate in this second annual event.

Racing begins at 2 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Cece Paster and Word of Mouth at the Millennium Bandstand, at Fred Varley Drive and Main Street.

### Small pieces of art raise big dollars for students

The Lemonville Group of Artists' post card project raised \$1,000 for local youth art programs.

The post card-sized art was created by group members and sold during the artists' 20th annual show last month.

The Stouffville District Secondary School art department received \$700, while the Latcham Gallery's art program for children was given \$300.

"As a group, we are dedicated to encouraging interest in visual arts and feel that these programs are excellent for the youth in our community," according to the group's media release.

### Builders kick off campaign

The region's annual building industry luncheon helped kick off the United Way York Region's annual campaign yesterday, raising more than \$1.2 million.

More than 1,200 builders, developers and politicians came together to honour the late Alfredo (Fred) De



**RAMSEY DEBAISSI:** Stouffville dad with son Adrian who was diagnosed with leukemia this year.

Gasperis' legacy and celebrate the next generation of generosity at Le Parc in Markham.

"We're all here to celebrate Fred," United Way York Region CEO Daniele Zanotti said of the builder and philanthropist who helped launch the annual luncheon event in 1982.

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