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The 1st Stouffville Scout Troop was awarded the prize for most humorous float in this year's Santa Claus Parade. The Stouffville Kinsmen and Kinettes sponsored another fabulous event which

attracted huge crowds and showcased the impressive creative talents of community groups, schools and local businesses.



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## Teams face off in local benefit game

By Kate Gilderdale  
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### Proceeds from event for Janis and Luke

On Dec. 29 at 7 p.m., the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League All Stars take on Stouffville Spirit in a community benefit game for Luke Anderson, who was injured in a mountain biking accident, and Janis Lovett, who is fighting cancer.

After three years of treatments and numerous operations, Janis is quick to point out that she is not the only one dealing with a crisis in her life, and that it's important for people to understand the effect it can have on the whole family. "It's okay to stick your head in the sand some days," she observed. "It isn't good to leave it there. When some-

thing like this happens, it makes you think about what's important."

For her that means her husband, Steve, and son, James, as well as her parents and siblings and Steve's brother, John. "I could not have gotten through this without my family. The last surgery, in January, gave me an amazing eight months and I had a great summer."

Although she had to undergo another operation in December, she seemed more concerned about missing her son's hockey games. James, 9, is a right winger for the

minor Atom A Clippers, and Steve coaches the team. The support of other hockey families in town has been amazing, said Janis. "Stouffville is a wonderful community."

A choir from the York Durham Academy of the Performing Arts will sing *O Canada* and Luke, Steve and James will perform the puck dropping ceremony to start the game. During the first intermission the entire Tyke division house league will play two mini games, and there will be a frisbee toss and chuck-a-puck at the second intermission. A raffle will also be held during the evening.

Ticket are \$8 for patrons 16 and up and \$5 for the under-15s and will be available at the door. Children 5 and under will be admitted free.



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