

# Horsing around for charity at Dinner 'n' Derby event

By Kate Gilderdale  
Stouffville This Month

The Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation is holding its annual Dinner 'n' Derby fundraiser at Hilton Suites Hotel on May 14.

Guests can bid on an incredible array of unique items in the live and silent auctions, as well as jockeying for first place during the 'derby', one of the highlights of the evening. "Twenty wooden hobby horses, hand crafted by Harry Schell and Glen Byer of Schell Lumber, have been lovingly painted, crafted and adorned by a group of Uxbridge and area artisans," explained special events co-ordinator Sabrina Roy. "Each horse will be sold for \$250 on a first come, first served basis the evening of the event."

During the evening, she said, "horse owners will assemble around the ballroom and our auctioneer, Phil Faulkner, will call the race by pulling the horse names from a hat. Horses advance one step at a time until a winner is declared." An evening for eight at Woodbine Racetrack, with dinner in the dining room, will be awarded to whoever is first past the post.

Among the live auction items are a two-night 'Bygone Era' and golf gift package in Niagara on the Lake including a winery tour and tickets to the Shaw Festival; lunch for two with Gary Roberts and Doug Gilmour, followed by a game of golf at Wooden Sticks with Doug Gilmour and Steve Davies; and Skiers' Dream, which



The Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation holds its annual fundraiser on May 14 at Hilton Suites. Seen here at last year's event are Jennifer Ashleigh's father, Daniel Clements (left) and charity founder Norm Clements.

includes five days and four nights at Mont Tremblant, a pair of Vokle Skis and first class round trip VIA Rail tickets.

Donations for the silent auction include a wine fridge, a foursome at Taboo Resort, a one-year yoga membership and a hockey stick autographed by Bobby Orr. The fundraising goal for the evening is \$156,000, which will be used to assist 312 families in need, said Ms. Roy.

The Jennifer Ashleigh Foundation was established in 1990 by Norm Clements, president of National Sports, in memory of his granddaughter, Jennifer Ashleigh Clements, who died of a degenerative muscular disease at the age of six months. Two years later, the same illness claimed the life of her baby

sister, Danica.

The foundation's mandate is to offer assistance to children who are chronically or seriously ill and whose families have exhausted all avenues of financial support from government and service agencies. Areas of assistance include emergency financial relief, developmental therapies, specially adapted computer equipment and medical treatments not covered by OHIP or insurance. Last year, the foundation assisted 898 Ontario children and their families and this year's goal is to help 1,000 such families.

Further information on the organization is available at [www.jenniferashleighfoundation.ca](http://www.jenniferashleighfoundation.ca). For Dinner 'n' Derby tickets, call the foundation office at 905-852-1799.

# Letters

## Community comes through for library

To the Editor:

Once again the community of Whitchurch-Stouffville has come through! The library's giant book sale raised over \$12,300. This is the second highest profit ever for the book sale.

The Book Sale Fundraising Committee has many, many people to thank for helping this sale be so successful. First to the organizations,

namely the Stouffville Firefighters, the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville, the Richardson Lodge Masons and the Stouffville Lions Club; thank you for your involvement in setting up and taking down the sale. Thank you also to the following businesses who donated goods and refreshments to the sale: Lindy's Floral Boutique, Steve & Liz's No Frills, A

& P and SobEys. To the many volunteers who gave so freely of their time, thank you for sorting, selling and packing. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to your newspaper for supporting the sale through advertisement and publicity.

All is much appreciated.

Monica van Maris  
Chair  
Book Sale Fundraising

## Developers should contribute to costs related to town's growth

To the Editor:

Given the extraordinary growth in the region and particularly Whitchurch-Stouffville, it is no wonder that existing facilities are being stressed and that considerable investment is required to simply meet the expanded needs of our community. This does not necessarily mean that taxes need to increase to cover these increased costs however. It would seem logical to first recover the increases from the new developments that are triggering the problem rather than to seek a general tax increase.

I believe that as residents of the community we should expect council to recover the costs of expanded municipal services from development levies, and support tax increases only to the extent that they support the current residential base. Council should also take into consideration that the current development plan for the town is one that is certain to have higher long term costs that should not be passed on to current residents.

The absence of any substantive employment opportunities within the town essentially means that Whitchurch-Stouffville is positioning itself as a sub-

urban commuter extension of Toronto, since there will be no jobs for the new residents. With that goes a very high cost of new infrastructure, particularly of roads and road widening, and a need to create, coordinate and integrate public transit with neighbouring communities.

It also means de facto that Whitchurch Stouffville is paving the way to becoming a suburban extension of Toronto and will lose the sense of community that many of us cherish and wish to preserve. Progress certainly has its price, but to ask residents to finance a suburban development plan that is fundamentally at odds with the best interests of current residents is ludicrous. If council is intent on continuing to support development plans that run contrary to the spirit and intent of the Oak Ridges Moraine conservation plan and violates the basic tenets of Ontario Smart Growth policies, it should finance this expansion from the coffers of the major beneficiaries, namely the developers of this suburban sprawl and the new residents who will occupy these communities.

John Saringer  
Stouffville



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