



The Canadian Testicular Cancer Association

Association Newsletter

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Welcome

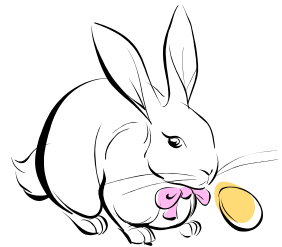
Welcome to our new format of our Association Newsletter. We hope that this quarterly newsletter will allow all of our volunteers and donors to keep up to date with the events happening within our association.

For your information: Our website is at www.tctca.org Our contact us at: kerrys@tctca.org or info@tctca.org

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Volunteers

We would like to welcome our new volunteers who have volunteered to help Cheryl out doing various office duties – their help is greatly appreciated. We welcome Martha and Justin who are doing office work and Leo who is looking after apply for grants across Ontario! John L. has also joined us from Ottawa which is a great addition to our team.



2008

In 2008 TCTCA raised 109,000.00. What amazing year for our first full year as a non-profit charity. Thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers we were able educate 1000's of young men!! Thank you to everyone who believes this is a worthwhile cause. TCTCA annual meeting will be held on Wednesday April 15, 2009 at 8:00pm. If anyone is interested in attending please call us for location.

What is happening at TCTCA for 2009:

As mentioned in our February newsletter with the generosity of Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation we were able to launch Phase III of our Check 'em program. We distribute posters, brochures and brochure holders to all doctors, walk-in clinics, Health Clubs in the Waterloo Region as well as updated information on testicular cancer. Our local universities and colleges also received a TSE Kit for the student health services. The distribution was completed in the middle of March. We hope that you will start seeing the posters and brochures when you visit your family doctor, medical clinic or local Health Club.



Part of the advertising awareness campaign Phase III of this campaign, in the Waterloo Region you will see our posters on the back of Grand River Transit buses in Kitchener-Waterloo and Cambridge for the next 8 weeks. So keep your eyes open and let us know what you think!!!!

Education 2009

Cheryl will be completed the Check 'Em campaign in our local high schools by the end of this school year. A total of 23 local secondary high schools have been reached by this program. All the schools received a TSE kit so that they may continue to teach our young men about testicular cancer in the years to come.

Cheryl also had the opportunity to meet with Margaret Best's assistant, from the Minister of Health Promotion in February 2009 in Toronto. The Health Promotion of Ontario job is to set the mandate for health units across Ontario. We proposed that they see testicular cancer as a "need" to Ontario's secondary school young adult males. Our hopes are that they help us bring our check em' campaign across Ontario. We are waiting to hear back.

TCTCA is also working on a High School Curriculum Lesson Plan for all secondary school boards across Ontario. These packages will be sent out by fall of 2009.

Late fall of last year TCTCA wrote to all the MPP's in support of a letter to the Minister of Education to help us bring testicular cancer into the health and physical education curriculum. They are reviewing it later this year.

There has also been interest in launching a Check 'em Program in the Ottawa area. Details are being worked out and we hope to have an update in the next newsletter.

Happy Easter from
everyone at TCTCA



2009 Events & Fundraisers

January 24, 2009 – In front of the Bay at the Cambridge Centre – Peter, Zac, Tony, Brandon, Matt and Marty, six student fire fighters from Conestoga College along with Nicole and Katie ran a firemen boot drive to help us with awareness. They raised \$650.00 for TCTCA and handed out a lot of brochures to the public. Good job guys!!!!

Jamie Fried and his friends get together every month for a friendly game of Texas Hold'em. They donated \$ 560.00 to TCTCA from their March game. The next date is April 17 – if you are interested in attending please contact Jamie at jamief@glnh.ca

Ongoing Fundraising

Magazine Fundraising: We have launched an on going fundraiser through a magazine company. With any new or renewal subscriptions of magazines we get 37 % of magazine sales and you can save up to 85% off of news stand pricing. If you or someone you know likes to receive magazines or already subscribes and have a renewal coming up in the next year – please check out the website at www.magfundraising.ca/grouppage.aspx Every little bit helps!!!!



Think Recycle – We have joined with a local recycling company to collect old cell phones, inkjet cartridges and laser cartridges. We then will send these items to them and we will receive money back for all qualifying items. It is a great way that you could help both the environment and TCTCA. If you have a collection of old cell phones or cartridges or if you want to participate and collect them for us – then give us a call or email sandi@tctca.org

Upcoming Events 2009

Saturday, April 4, 2009 – 2nd Annual Ball Hockey Tournament in Memory of **Michael Campbell** – is being held by his family and friend at Sir Sanford Fleming College, Peterborough.



Young Adult Cancer Awareness Week April 5 – 11, 2009



We will be holding awareness events at three local malls during this week with the help of the Conestoga College Fire Fighter class. They will be handing out brochure and answering as many questions they can about Testicular Cancer and the importance of early detection. They will once again be holding their boot drive to help raise funds to help in furthering the awareness of this disease. A free raffle will also be held. Come out and support us!!!

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 2pm to 9pm – Cambridge Centre – in front of the Bay

Thursday, April 9, 2009 2pm to 9pm – Conestoga Mall – by the Food Court and Winner's store

Saturday, April 11, 2009 10am to 4pm – Fairview Park Mall –

Saturday, May 9, 2009 – 9:30am – 2009 Cambridge Mayor's Walk for Volunteerism. 3.5km walk thru Old Galt – starting & ending at Dickson Arena. If you are interested in joining please contact Sandi at sandi@tctca.org

July 10, 2009 – 3rd Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Adam DeSousa

We will have brochures emailed and mailed out by Mid April. If you somehow don't receive one let us know or check out our website – brochures will be posted there as well.

Saturday August 15, 2009 – LCBO Fundraiser

Last year TCTCA had the opportunity to raise money and awareness at our local LCBO Store locations. If you are interested in helping us out this year we will need 26 volunteers for this event. All the volunteers last year had a great time helping us generate awareness!!

September 27, 2009 – Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – We are hoping to participate in this event. We require a team of 10-50 people who would be willing to participate in a this event. The cost if booked and paid for by May 26, 2009 is Marathon \$ 75.00, Half-Marathon \$ 65.00 and 5k Run/Walk \$ 32.00. Most of us will be doing the 5k Run/Walk. Each participant would then collect pledges and these pledges will be donated to the TCTCA. The team/charity with the most donations for the day wins additional funds. If you are interested in joining our team please let us know by May 15 – all money for registration is due May 20 – only one payment per team is allowed. Please note registration is available after the 26th of May but the price goes up. If you wish to create your own team in support of TCTCA or if you would like to find out more about the event – please check out the website at www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com

If you have any fundraising ideas or know of groups interested in fundraising on our behalf please contact either Cheryl or Kerry. We can provide you with posters, pamphlets etc. to help with the awareness aspect of your event.

Help Wanted

We are looking for people to help with the following:

Fundraiser – looking for someone to help in our fundraising department

Golf Tournament & LCBO Helpers – please let us know if you are interested in helping out this year.

