



The Canadian Testicular Cancer Association

Volunteer Newsletter

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Welcome:

On behalf of the entire board of The Canadian Testicular Cancer Association – I would like to wish you and your families a *very joyous and safe Christmas and a Happy New Years!!!!*



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Words About Our Founder

Cheryl has been extremely busy visiting the high schools in Waterloo Region again this fall. She went to Niagara Falls and St Catherine's in late November to help them set up the Check 'em program there. She will also be working with health unit in St Thomas & ? to help set up their own Check 'em campaigns in their local schools.

Cheryl has been in contact with our MPP's – she is proposing that the TCTCA's Check 'em campaign become part of the curriculum throughout Ontario. Response so far has been favourable. Cheryl may have to present the proposal in house directly.

We welcome, Francie who is helping Cheryl out in the office every week now until March. These 12-17

hours will go along way to free Cheryl up to work on Check 'em programs in the schools throughout Ontario. Cheryl also appreciates the help getting her office back to being organized.

We are hoping to launch Phase III of our Check 'em program. This phase will allow us to distribute posters, brochures and brochure holders to all doctors in Waterloo Region. We have been applying for grants and many fundraisers will be slated for this. If enough money is raised we hope to provide each office with the silicone testicles as a teaching/awareness tool. We still haven't gotten word back yet on these grant applications but hope to hear good news in the New Years.



2008 Events & Fundraisers

Echos Orbit Fundraiser

Harley was born on June 6, 1974 in Campbell River, B.C. He moved to Chillieack, B.C. with his family as a young boy. Not only did Harley have a passion for playing music, but his biggest joy in life was his family. Harley passed away on May 4, 2008 from Testicular Cancer at age 34. Harley left behind his

loving wife Stacie and 2 children, Adam & Sierra. Echos Orbit consisted of musicians that Harley used to play with. The event was held at a local club – B.C. – in his memory and raised \$ 2,805.00

1st Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Harley Stobbe – Mike Carol and Harley’s wife Stacie held the 1st annual golf tournament on September 14th in memory of Harley. Many of Harley’s friends and family attended to take a moment to remember him and also to help raise money to bring awareness to Testicular Cancer. In total they raised \$ 3,000.00. What a GREAT job they all did!!! Thanks to all who helped make this day a success.

November 9 the University of Guelph held a video game contest and raised \$ 225.00. The event was also an awareness event. They distributed pamphlets, bracelets and tshirt – all of which were a huge success. This was a project put on by Joanna Whyte and her team members – we thanks you all for your hard work. The second part of their project was a class presentation – they expected to raise awareness and hand out brochures to another 100 more people.

On November 14 we held our first Charity Casino Night at the Portugese Club in Kitchener. We would like to thank all of our hard working volunteers for making the evening so fun and successful. We raise a total of \$ 3,500.00

2009 Upcoming Events

January 24, 2009 – at the Cambridge Centre student fire fighters, from Conestoga College, will be doing a firemen boot drive to help us with awareness and fundraising.

Tentative events: Dates still to be confirmed

February 21 – Nintendo Event

February 2009 – We hope to ones again take part at Family Day at the Cambridge Mall Ice Centre – this will be an awareness event.

March 7 or 14 – Pool Event at Dooley’s Cambridge

March/April 2009 – YukYuk in Toronto will be hosting an evening of comedy – all proceeds the TCTCA

April 2009 – We hope to host another Charity Casino Night – location to be determined.

May 2009 – LCBO – we will once again be at the local LCBO collecting funds for TCTCA

June 2009 – Brewers Retails – we will be at the local Beer stores asking for donations to TCTCA

July 2009 - Third Annual Golf Tournament

August 2009 – Harley Davidson Hunt

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.

