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## 4th Annual Breakfast of Champions

Each February, the F&CS Foundation Board of Directors and CHYM FM host the *Breakfast of Champions* to celebrate the accomplishments of our children and youth with our donors—the people and businesses that make these accomplishments possible.

This year's breakfast was sponsored by the Pines Wedding and Function Centre in Cambridge and featured the heartwarming struggle for former foster youth, Janine now attending the University of Toronto. 🌈



Grade 7 students from Sunshine Montessori school performed a 'stomp' to start things off at the Breakfast of Champions and held up the final total of the 2005 Tree of Hope Campaign.



Rick Purdy, Foundation President, presents a special award to John Heffner Jr. of Heffner Lexus, Heffner Toyota, for their generous support of the campaign this year celebrating their 45th anniversary in business.



Janine, the Hope Scholarship Award recipient (sponsored by H.L. Staebler Insurance) shared her story and how much the scholarship means to her and all foster kids pursuing post-secondary education.



CHYM's, Dan Henry interviews young volunteer, Hannah Miller. Hannah has staffed the Tree of Hope pledge lines with her dad, Rod for three consecutive years (surpassing her dad's pledge total each year!). Way to go Hannah!



## Fairview Park Opens Doors to Tree of Hope

From management to mall walkers to merchants, Fairview Park welcomed the CHYM FM Tree of Hope Radiothon with enthusiasm! This year's pledge lines were anchored around a lush 14-foot balsam fir donated by Grobe's Nursery. The atmosphere over the two days was infectious!

At the end of the event, over \$265,000 was raised to support opportunities for healing, learning, and growing for some of this community's most disadvantaged children.

"This outstanding sum would not have been possible without incredible support shown by Fairview Park, their incredible customer service team, and their retail outlets" says Foundation Manager, Jim Phillips. "Radio personalities and volunteers were kept well fed by Boston Pizza, Second Cup, and Cinnabon over the course of the 30-hour event. Rocky Mountain Chocolate donated several gift baskets and a three-foot chocolate Santa. Other locations dropped off donations for incentive prizes including Laura Secord, TD Canada Trust, and Mystic aquaMassage. It really felt like we were 'adopted'."

But the momentum of the Christmas Season didn't stop there. Fairview Park shoppers dropped off presents to put under

the tree, Yvonne from The Cake Box brought a beautiful cupcake Christmas tree, children popped by to have their faces painted, guests had a chance to sit in the infamous TD Canada Trust 'green chair', and Brady Brady and the Kitchener Rangers stopped by to entertain the kids.

"The energy created at this year's event was magical," says Phillips. "We'll certainly be back next year!" 🌈



*Executive Director, Peter Ringrose, with Rosemary Benbow's assistance, draws the winner for the 3-foot chocolate Santa donated by Rocky Mountain Chocolate.*

## Fall 2005 Foundation Grants

This community's outstanding support allows the Foundation to grant money to fund agency initiatives each spring and fall; providing more services to families, youth, and children - helping families stay together and ensuring children are reaching their full potential. Without your support the following essential programs or projects would not exist:



Equipment for winter activities and admission fees for educational trips were purchased for "Going Beyond Group".

This program works with youth in care of the agency and their families through adventure-based recreational and therapeutic activities. This program has prevented children from coming into care and helps children return home sooner.



Funding was granted for the first Free to Be Me Youth Day and Awards Celebration. This event will help youth in care of the agency explore educational and career opportunities for their future, and celebrate their successes so far along the way.



Funding was provided for the purchase of food vouchers and bus tickets. These items assist low income families in crisis situations

and who are at risk of their children coming into care due to lack of resources.



Supplies were purchased for youth in care to create their own Life Books. These books help record key information, moments and memories of their life while in care of the agency.



Hockey equipment and dictionaries were purchased for an alternative school program run in conjunction with the WRDSB.



Funding was granted to provide low income working families financial assistance with various types of necessary counseling services. This includes family counseling, play therapy, offender counseling and trauma and grief counseling. 🌈



A grant was approved to help pay for as many children as possible to attend summer camp.

## Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program Gives A Child Her Christmas Wish

When I was a baby my parents couldn't take care of me because they were addicted to drugs. A worker took me to live with my Grandma, which was "okay", but I missed my mom and dad.

I was really happy when my Dad decided that he loved me more than the drugs. He tried really hard to quit drugs. He even went away to a special place for people who don't want to do drugs anymore.

I was sad when he was gone, but when he came back he promised we would be together forever! And he got us an apartment.

All the stuff we used to have was gone. We needed lots of new things like furniture and clothes and stuff. That made my dad sad, but I didn't care 'cause the most important thing was—I had my dad.

Our worker came over a lot and brought us things for the apartment. She taught my dad how to take better care of money and me so that he could be an even better daddy!

At Christmas our worker said that someone in Kitchener had brought a whole bunch of presents for us! I got clothes, and dolls, and dress up clothes. Now I get to dress up like Cinderella all the time.

My dad got a blender, and kettle, and a toaster for our kitchen. He was really happy. And that made me happy. We even got to have a special Christmas dinner. It was really nice. 🌈