

Voice of Hope

Family & Children's Services of the Waterloo Region Foundation

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96.7chym fm 2002 Tree of Hope Campaign Raises Over \$150,000!

Up Coming Events

- Family & Children's Services (Agency and Foundation) Annual General Meeting — June 19, Holiday Inn, Kitchener—**Presentation of Scholarships**
- K-W Multicultural Festival, Victoria Park, Kitchener, June 21 & 22
- Tooney Tuesdays, Kitchener City Hall, July 8, 15, 22, 29 - Family Entertainment - all proceeds benefit Family & Children's Services Foundation
- Kidspark, Victoria Park, Kitchener, August 16 & 17
- September 2003 -Tree of Hope Packages distributed
- Purple Ribbon Campaign, October 2003 - Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month

2002 marked the 10th anniversary of the partnership between Family & Children's Services Foundation and 96.7 CHYM FM Tree of Hope Campaign. What better way to celebrate than by surpassing the goal of \$120,000 and raising over \$150,000!

The success of the campaign would not be possible without CHYM staff, Foundation board members, Volunteers, Family & Children's Services' staff and the extremely generous community of the Waterloo Region.

This year Staebler Insurance Brokers came forward as a Diamond Sponsor. With their \$10,000 donation, a two year scholarship will be awarded in their name. As a former Foster

Parent, Kim Philpott, Vice President of Staebler's states " that it is truly valiant to overcome great obstacles to achieve your goals. We are honoured to be able to help, in some small way, children in foster care, as they take on the challenge of further education. We are rooting for them!".

The CHYM FM Radiothon took place on December 12 & 13th, 2002. Over the two days, CHYM listeners had the opportunity to learn about Family & Children's Services through various on-air interviews with children and youth in the care of FCS, as well as foster parents, volunteers and politicians. Listeners had the opportunity to call in and make a pledge to support the



Family & Children's Services Foundation or they could stop by local malls to make a donation to the campaign.

We are very excited about the success of the 2002 CHYM FM Tree of Hope Campaign and are looking forward to the 2003 campaign!

To learn more about the campaign and our supporters, log on to www.facswaterloo.org.



Kim Philpott accepts the Diamond Sponsor Award at the Breakfast of Champions.

Breakfast of Champions - 1st Annual Donor Recognition Event

On Friday, February 28th, 2003 Family & Children's Services held their first annual Breakfast of Champions to acknowledge \$1,000+ donors to the CHYM FM Tree of Hope Campaign.

Over 50 people attended from various companies throughout

the region to receive a small token of appreciation from the Foundation.

Kim and Steve Philpott attended on behalf of Staebler Insurance Brokers, our Diamond Sponsor of \$10,000. Murray Haase, Campaign Chair

and Peter Ringrose, Executive Director were also on hand to give thanks to the community. The event was an opportunity for Peter to share with donors how their dollars are used to help children, youth and families in our community.

A Word From Gavin Tucker, GM 96.7chym fm

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from CHYM FM. The partnership we've enjoyed with Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region is now 10 years strong, and getting better all the time. Each year we do-

nate two entire broadcast days, as well as a valuable pre-promotion campaign each December to the CHYM FM Tree of Hope Campaign, all to benefit this cause. Over the years, Family and Children's Services staff

have introduced us to some remarkable kids who, with the support of FCS, have emerged from challenging backgrounds. For CHYM FM, it's a heart-warming two days on the air every year. For the good people at FCS, and for you, our supporters, it's a commitment to making things

better for disadvantaged children in Waterloo Region. We're proud to once again present the CHYM FM Tree of Hope. And, with the help of kind people like you, we'll be able to continue to support the efforts of Family and Children's Services.

Foundation Fund Profile - Better Futures Endowment Fund

In September 2002, the Better Futures Fund was created to allow children in the care of the Agency to enhance their skills and talents in areas of culture, the arts and sports.

The endowment fund was created as a result of a charitable donation from family members and friends in memory of three young women, Katinka Heine, Corneila Rauter and Martina Van Katwijk, who died as result of a tragic traffic accident in 1985.

Since 1988, the group has designated money to sponsor The

Heine, Rauter and Van Katwijk Memorial Ski Race at Chicopee Ski Club, as skiing was a common passion with all three young women. This year the group decided to do something different. Knowing that government funding for recreation and cultural programs for children was so limited, they decided to set up this fund.

"Our own girls were fortunate to grow up in families that had means to support them. These children don't have those financial means", said Myra, mother of Martina. "It will encourage

children to think of the future and the possibilities that lie ahead", said Peter Ringrose, Executive Director.

June 2003 will be the first chance a child in care will have to take advantage of this fund.

As Myra Van Katwijk said, "there is comfort in knowing that even though you have lost a child, there is continuation".

"the Foundation makes our children's future a reality." - Peter Ringrose



Jamie Bennett, member of the Foundation Board of Directors accepts the cheque!

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October 2002 Foundation Grants - How Your Money Is Used

The foundation granting process takes place twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. In October 2002, 14 applications were made to the foundation for funding by FCS staff totaling \$39,271.04.

Examples of how foundation money is used are as follows:

1) Seven Scholarships awarded to children in care pursuing

post secondary education. Each youth attending college receives \$2,500 for each year of study while those going to university receive \$3,500 per year.

2) \$10,000 for Parent-Teen Mediation Program that provides direct service to families in crisis and reduces the number of youth coming into care.

3) \$8,000 was used to provide emergency assistance to families which includes food vouchers and bus tickets for access visits.

4) \$20,200 to provide more than 130 children with summer camp experiences. (Spring 2002)

5) \$10,000 to purchase a safe and accessible outdoor playground centre at the Cambridge office.

Scholarship Recipient Says "Thanks"

Dear F&CS Foundation

It is with great gratitude and humility that I write in appreciation of your generous gift in support of my education. As a first-year student attending university, it is through your support and others like you, that I, a young man with no means whatsoever, am able to attend Wilfrid Laurier University.

To me your gift represents much more than just a monetary gift; it represents a belief in the promise of equal opportunity. By providing resources to students who need it most, you are helping to ensure that one's economic situation is not a barrier to their artistic and intellectual growth. Moreover, you've shown that you believe in the power of education and it's ability to better both the world and the individual.

There are no words to express my gratitude for the interest you've taken in my personal and intellectual well-being and I take seriously the mandate given to me by such an award. I intend to work hard to maintain and improve my current academic record and to strive to become a contributing and forthright member of society.

Again, thank you for your contribution on my behalf and I will strive to use it as a motivating force in the upcoming year. Sincerely, Adam K. Student - Wilfrid Laurier University

Cambridge Girl Gives From The Heart!



Marissa Lee of Cambridge, holds up one of the toys she donated.

Not all children think of themselves on their birthdays! When Marissa Lee of Cambridge sent out invitations to her 7th birthday party, she let all of her guests know that any gifts they brought would be donated to children who needed them!

"We have many children that can benefit from this type of donation" said Lisa Harlock, Supervisor of Fundraising and Communications. The toys were donated to the children at the Rosemount Group Home.

**Your Views
Are
Important!**

Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed survey and return it to Family and Children's Services, Development Office, 200 Ardelt Ave. Kitchener, N2C 2L9. Or complete and submit it on-line at www.facswaterloo.org

