

Community Events



Making Sick Kids better – *thank you.*

The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation thanks you for fundraising on behalf of Sick Kids. We want to let you know how your commitment and dedication is making a difference.

MEET THE BELLS



When six-year-old Sherry Bell (then Cavanaugh) was scratched by a cat in the 1960's, her mother brought her to Sick Kids. The scratch was not serious, but during that visit it was discovered that Sherry had a congenital heart condition called atrial septal defect (ASD), a hole between her heart's two upper chambers.

While Sherry was not in immediate danger, if left untreated ASD can cause pulmonary hypertension (high blood pressure in the lungs that can lead to heart failure), abnormal heart rhythms,

congestive heart failure and an increased risk of stroke.

The hole in Sherry's heart was repaired by Dr. William Mustard – a world-renowned pioneer in heart surgery at HSC.

Sherry was lucky that the defect was detected before she developed any serious complications, but later in life, when she became a mother, she would unfortunately pass on the defect to each of her three children.

Joshua, Justyn and Emily Bell were all diagnosed at Sick Kids with ASD in Sherry's second trimester of pregnancy. At their birth it was discovered that each child also had patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). The ductus arteriosus allows blood to bypass the lungs before birth and normally soon closes after birth. PDA occurs when the ductus stays open too long after birth.

All three children had surgery to repair their heart defects before their second birthday, and recovered in hospital for about three days. "By the time Emily had her operation, we

knew that she was in the best hands at Sick Kids." says their father, David.

Today, Joshua, Justyn and Emily are healthy, active children who are always on the move. "We are so busy, with skating, swimming or just playing outside with friends." says Sherry. "You would never know that there was ever anything wrong with their hearts – and that's what fills my heart with joy."

WEDDING BELLS?

Looking for a meaningful way to commemorate your wedding day? Instead of a wedding favour/bomboniere, consider a gift that will help make sick kids better.

There are a number of ways that HSCF can help you to share your wedding day with Sick Kids.

For more information about our wedding recognition series please visit www.sickkids.ca or contact Deborah Farquhar at deborah.farquhar@sickkids.ca or 416-813-5320.

Thank you & Congratulations!

Privacy + You

The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation respects the privacy of its donors; we do not sell, rent, or trade our donor lists. The information we collect is used to process donations, keep our donors informed about the activities of the Hospital and Foundation, and ask for their support for our mission to improve children's health.

Find out how the new privacy legislation affects your fundraising efforts! Please read the enclosed information sheet or visit our website. Privacy is everyone's business!

What's New?



Wear Your Bear – the Foundation's merchandise program has launched its 2004 line of clothing and accessories! **Look stylish and support Sick Kids.** To see this year's collection or to place your order - please visit our website at www.sickkids.ca or contact June McKean at (416) 813 – 7816.

Success Story: A Run for Liane

September 28th was a special day for the Forrester family. Last February, their 14 year old daughter, Liane, passed away

after a short 5-month battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

With the determination and tireless efforts of friend Deena Ruess, they turned their grief into something truly inspiring.

On September 28th "A Run for Liane" brought family, friends and colleagues together to raise funds for cancer research at Sick Kids as they ran or walked 5 km or a half marathon as part of the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon. The "Run for Liane" team raised over \$27,000 and even won an additional \$5,000 for being the charity team with the most participants – 198 in all!

Liane's aunt Sue describes the feeling on the day of the run: "... what an event - bright, sunny, energetic, and fun. We could hear Liane laughing. We could see her dancing. And we could feel her love and her pride. While we have all had many sad moments, we all joined this team with such enthusiasm. What a tribute to Liane! Her inspiration and her love of life will remain in our hearts forever."

The Forresters and Ruess families are already looking forward to the second annual "Run for Liane" on Sunday, September 26, 2004. "A Run for Liane" in support of HSC Foundation, is one of two official charities at next year's run.

In addition to the Run, Liane's father, Bob, a musician, has written and recorded several songs in tribute to his daughter. The first single release, *A New Song for Christmas* was played on 30 radio stations across Canada this past holiday season. More songs will be available on a

CD called *The Road to Wonderland* in February/March 2004. Proceeds will support the *Liane Forrester Fund* at The Hospital for Sick Children.

"Our hope is that this song will not only provide emotional support to other families in similar circumstances, but also be enjoyed as an inspiration to those wish to support HSCF."

To learn more about Liane's story please visit www.rememberliane.com.

Our Newsletter

Please feel free to use the Bell's story or any of these pieces in your own newsletter or forward it to family and friends. Please pass along to your committee members, with our thanks. Please send your comments to sofia.ramirez@sickkids.ca.

Our Mission

Children are our future. The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation is dedicated to the improvement of children's health. Our mission is to inspire and support the philanthropic spirit in individuals and organizations. We invest our communities' contributions in outstanding paediatric care, research, and education to help children at The Hospital for Sick Children, throughout Canada, and around the world.



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