



Rapport

Newsletter of the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC)

Striving to improve the lives of families dealing with childhood cancer.

WOW... What a Summer!!!!!!!!!!!!

What an exciting summer for the NOFCC. First off, on June 10, 2005, the RBC Financial Group held their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Green Golf Course. Once again, the turnout for this Golf Tournament was a huge success, with up to **\$6,000.00** raised and all proceeds going to the NOFCC. To the Staff of RBC Financial Group, to their wonderful sponsors, and to all those who came out to participate.... we thank you so much.



Lastly, in keeping with the summer theme, on July 16, 2005, Fishing 4 Children's Charities (a local charity run by a couple of local families) held their 3rd Annual Pike Tournament at Whitewater Lake in Azilda. Every year, Fishing 4 Children's Charities selects and organizes a fishing derby – donating all its proceeds to their charity of choice. This year, Fishing 4 Children's Charities selected NOFCC as their charity of choice, and it was their most successful derby to date – raising **\$11,000.00**. In fact, Fishing 4 Children's Charities was so taken by the support, the cause, and dedication of the NOFCC members that they have selected the NOFCC as their charity of choice for its 4th Annual Pike Tournament, which will be held on Saturday July 15, 2006 at Whitewater Lake in Azilda. On behalf of the NOFCC... we thank you so much.

NOFCC Expands Services

Over the last year, the NOFCC has expanded its services to better accommodate the needs of the more than 30 children and their families who are in need of our services at any given time. It is with these families in mind, that the NOFCC announced enhancements to existing programs, along with new initiatives in order to provide better service for families dealing with a cancer stricken child.

Changes made to the services provided include: increases to the grocery voucher program, the long distance calling card program, and the parking pass program. As well, gas coupons will now be provided to families where one parent must stay home to take care of their other children while the other parent is attending to the child in the hospital in order to make family visits easier.

We are also pleased to announce that finally, following a successful pilot program, the NOFCC is upgrading its laptop program and has received a donation from the Ten Rainbows Foundation to purchase two laptop computers, with the intention of keeping children in touch with their teachers, family, and friends. Thanks for your support.

They're Back...

The Buy-One-Get-One-Free Cards are back! Due to the overwhelming success of the BoGo Cards last year, the NOFCC is once again selling these coupon cards to raise money for Northern Families. For a \$15.00 card, the savings, which can be used at a number of area businesses throughout the Greater City of Sudbury, are well worth it. This year, businesses include Home Depot, Pizza Hut, Bianco's, Penzoil, Play it Again Sports, A&W's, and more.

*Call the NOFCC for your card,
or if you are able to help us sell them (to your friends, family, co-workers, etc).
1-877-253-2585 (voice mail)
Micheline Ferguson 705-693-7282*

Santa Claus is coming to town...

The NOFCC is once again having its annual Christmas Party for all the families currently on treatment, and those that have already been through cancer treatment. This year's Christmas Party will be held at the Canadian Hearing Society, located at 1233 Paris Street on Saturday December 3, 2005 from 1 pm to 4 pm. There will be entertainment by "Just Us", pizza donated by Pizza Hut, and of course Santa himself will be there to see the kids and hand out gifts. Watch for your invitation in the mail later this fall.



Mark Your Calendars...

A local concert organiser is currently putting the finishing details on an event to benefit the NOFCC. This concert featuring Canadian band the Northern Pikes will be held at the end of March at St. Andrew's Place in downtown Sudbury. Local band High Definition will open, and for the low price of \$15 per ticket (available at Black Cat closer to the date), this promises to be a rockin' night with all proceeds to the NOFCC.



Also of note, the NOFCC is currently planning for their Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday November 14, at the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre in Sudbury from 6-8pm. Elections will take place, and activities of the group over the past year and those planned for the coming year will be discussed. This is an opportunity for families who have not been actively involved to come out and meet the current board members, as well as to socialise, and contribute to the efforts of the NOFCC. Pending adequate interest, interested families from outside of Sudbury will be able to join the meeting by video or teleconference. Please RSVP to Allison Hicks, Pediatric Interlink Nurse at 1-800-293-2309, or 522-6237x2107.

