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From the Editor

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

“Snowballs in Summer!” The phrase just popped into my head as I was reviewing the pile of material needed for this newsletter. Not only was I amazed at the number of NOFCC events this summer, but how a single event becomes a series of events, then snowballs into something so...wonderfully huge.

Since its inception back in 1998, the NOFCC was one of the best kept secrets within the Sudbury community. Fast forward to 2006, and the NOFCC is snowballing its way – attracting a lot of attention with the citizens of Greater Sudbury, other charities, and area businesses. The key to the success of the NOFCC is a simple one.....
‘Striving to improve the lives of families dealing with childhood cancer.’

NOFCC’s Annual General Meeting

The NOFCC’s 2nd Annual General Meeting is a great opportunity not only for families of children with cancer, but anyone else willing to learn more about the programs the NOFCC has to offer. This AGM is open to the public so all are welcomed.

Should you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Micheline Ferguson, NOFCC President at (705) 693-9227 or Allison Hicks, Pediatric Interlink Nurse at 1-800-293-2309

NORTHERN ONTARIO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER (NOFCC)

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Understandably, the role of the NOFCC is not to find a cure for cancer (albeit wouldn’t that be the greatest), but to bring an awareness to others out there that we do exist and in order for us to help others, we need help ourselves.

This edition includes the most information the NOFCC has put out thus far. I urge you to take the time to read it from beginning to end. Inside, you will read about common, everyday citizens who decided to take a day out of their own hectic lives to do what they can to bring some sort of hope, joy, and normality to the lives of children with cancer and their families. It is with great pride that the NOFCC dedicates this newsletter and highlights all those great citizens out there who believe for one minute that they can indeed change the world.

NOFCC’s 2nd Annual General Meeting

WHERE: Northeastern Ontario Regional
Cancer Centre in Sudbury
Level 4 Boardroom
(enter from roof parking)

WHEN: Wednesday, November 22, 2006
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Light Dinner & Social – following the meeting

Fishing 4 Children's Charities

In 2005, Fishing 4 Children's Charities selected the NOFCC as their charity of choice and managed to raise **\$11,000.00**, their largest amount since they started four years ago. This July 15, 2006 was the second year Fishing 4 Children's Charities selected NOFCC as their choice charity and raised a whopping **\$15,000.00**, the best year thus far with 67 boats and over 130 people participating in this one-day event.

Mr. Craig McDermott, owner/operator of all three Pizza Huts and long time supporter of NOFCC, graciously provided the pizzas for the after tournament money and prizes event and donated all proceeds from the pizza sales to the NOFCC,

generating **\$465.00**.

The *Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer's* Board Members, the families and children they assist would like to thank the many fishermen/women who came out in support, Conservation Officers from the MNR, area businesses that donated money and prizes, The City of Sudbury, the Township of Azilda for their cooperation, and the volunteers that gave up their Saturday to come out and help. A special Thank-You to the Committee Members of Fishing 4 Children's Charities for their commitment and determination on making every Pike Fishing Tournament a special event.

Jan Oystrick of RE/MAX and her Number 1 Team

The NOFCC would like to send out a heartfelt thanks to Jan Oystrick and her Number 1 Team at Re/Max Crown Realty. In March of 2006, Jan Oystrick supported Bob Bale (a local concert promoter) in bringing the Northern Pikes to Sudbury (see page 3).

The concert was a great success, but Jan did not stop there. Jan and her Team decided to put on a huge Garage Sale and BBQ at her home on June 3, 2006.

This event raised **\$3,480.00**. The NOFCC thanks Jan Oystrick and her Team for her tireless work in making this Garage Sale & BBQ a great success. Cash donations in support of the Garage Sale were made by: Mildred Facca, Michael E. Pennie, Mrs. Stella Baker, Caisse Populaire Lasalle, & Janice Steven.

St. Charles Catholique Elementary School Holds Fundraising Event for Fallen student

Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer-NOFCC wishes to thank and congratulate the St. Charles Catholique Elementary School students, staff and the Chelmsford community for their determination in making the first annual **Jonathan Hetu Walk for Cancer** a success. The event which was held last June exceeded the schools' goal of \$1000 and raised an amazing **\$5,226.89** for Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer-NOFCC.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the life of a friend and classmate than to contribute to a charity that meant so much to Jonathan and his father John. Both were very much involved with our fundraising activities as they knew how much NOFCC programs had helped them during and after Jonathan's treatments and both were thrilled with every successful event knowing that other families would benefit. St. Charles

Catholique Elementary School's initiative will undoubtedly entice other Northern Ontario schools to join in on the walk, either in memory of a friend or classmate or in honor of another child who has courageously fought the battle that would drain the strengths of giants, a child who must live every day with the long term effects of the illness or its treatment. Jonathan has obviously made a difference in the lives of his friends, classmates and the Chelmsford community. Together, they have made a difference in the lives of all northern families dealing with childhood cancer. Thank you once again for helping the NOFCC provide essential programs. It is with fundraising events such as the **Jonathan Hetu Walk for Cancer** that we are able to maintain our programs and that we are able to increase our contribution to the families.

Micheline Ferguson/NOFCC President

RBC Golf Tournament

On June 23, 2006, the Royal Bank of Canada held the 3rd annual NOFCC golf tournament at Cedar Green Golf Club in Garson, Ontario. The tournament was once again a sell out with 36 teams participating on a beautiful Friday afternoon while raising greater than **\$6,000.00** for NOFCC programs.

The NOFCC would like to thank the RBC for their support in organizing this wonderful event, specifically: Corrie McKinnon, Tracy Rose, Jennifer

Bissonnette and Simone Renelli.

In addition to the proceeds raised from the tournament, the Royal Bank Vice President very generously gave an extra **\$1,000.00** donation.

This tournament not only raises a significant amount of money for the NOFCC but also allows family and friends of the NOFCC to enjoy a day out together on the golf course. Thank you again RBC.

Kinsmen's 24th Annual Home Sweepstakes

Congratulations to the Kinsmen Club of Sudbury for their upcoming 24th Annual Home Sweepstakes. Each year, the homes get better and better. This year's home is once again built by J.Corsi Development and features many extras. Tickets are \$100.00 each.

Early Bird Draw — November 5, 2006 at 5:30pm

Grand Prize Draw — November 19, 2006 at 5:30pm

Visit this beautiful home at: 708 Corsi Hill in Sudbury or call (705) 688-0366.

You can also visit their website at:
www.sudburykinsmen.ca/house_draw

For the past few years, the Kinsmen Club of Sudbury has selected the NOFCC as one of their recipients. Thank you once again for your valuable support.

They're Here..... Mini Peel Cards

Due to popular demand, the NOFCC is once again selling their **Mini Peel Cards**. These cards are ideal for those renovating or building projects. It also makes for great stocking stuffers.

This year's cards are only **\$10.00** and offer a number of great savings. Many of your favourites are back, along with some new sponsors.

For each **Mini Peel Card** sold, \$5.00 goes to support the NOFCC.

To order your **Mini Peel Cards** – please call NOFCC at (705) 693-9227

This year's line-up includes:

- Home Depot — 10% off Total Purchase
- Pizza Hut — BoGo Free on Medium Pizzas
- Swiss Chalet — BoGo Free on Double Leg Dinner
- A&W — BoGo Free Papa & Teen Burgers
- Arby's — BoGo Free on Sandwiches
- Williams Coffee Pub — BoGo Free on Dessert
- Bianco's Movie Rentals — BoGo Free on movies
- Penzoil — save on oil changes
- GoodLife Fitness & Artic Tan – Look good and save!

“Please support the merchants that support our community.”

She's A Beauty... One In A Million

President/Founder of Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant Cheryl Kozera does not believe in beauty queens, but believes in young women who want to make a difference and whom will adapt their personal skills to promote tourism in the north and support local charities and fundraisers.

Cheryl organized a 50/50 draw in support of NOFCC and raised **\$819.00** in just a few days. It is Cheryl's hope that delegates will have learned the importance of volunteering, its effect on their community and that the delegates will continue their

volunteering efforts. The event also raised much needed awareness in support of the NOFCC in the surrounding northern areas. Mrs. Kozera wishes to continue promoting our charity and wishes to have another 50/50 draw in next year's event.

Congratulations to the Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant organizers, delegates, Miss North Ontario Regional Canada 2006 Natalie Lefrancois of Markstay and our 50/50 winner Irene Ball of Sudbury.

Shine Bright Scholarship Program

In recognition for the help received from Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer during their daughter's treatment, the Monteiro family has chosen to establish a new program under NOFCC's umbrella. The Shine Bright Scholarship program will provide scholarships for childhood cancer survivors.

15 yr old Yasmin, has fought very hard to beat her cancer (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) and realizes the financial impact the illness has on families. Not wanting other children's future to be diminished because of financial reasons, she along with her family and Dr. Lynn Giroux and her team at the Sudbury Skin Clinic have begun a fundraising campaign for the scholarship program and are very hopeful that area businesses will join in as well.

The Sudbury Skin Clinic will donate a percentage on all cosmetic dermatology services offered at the clinic until Dec 16. These services include laser hair removal, laser vascular treatments, microdermabrasion, chemical peels, photorejuvenation, intense pulsed light treatments for uneven pigmentation and rosacea, photodynamic therapy for acne and pre-cancerous skin lesions, just to name a few.

To book your appointment at the Sudbury Skin Clinic call 669-0002.

To make a donation to the Shine Bright Scholarship contact the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer at 693-9227 or 1-888-993-9227.

Music To Our Ears

Bob Bale is at it again and it seems that there is no stopping him. Last March, Bob brought to this great city of ours the Northern Pikes (I still can't get over that amazing concert). Bob has been putting on concerts for years and has raised much needed money for local charities.

If you would like more information about this upcoming concert or would like to book advanced reservations, please contact Bob Bale at (705) 523-6200.

2nd Annual NOFCC Spring Benefit Concert

FEATURING: Valdy

with opening act: Dala

WHEN: Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 7:00pm

WHERE: St. Andrew's Place, 111 Larch St.

Tickets are \$20.00 each

Be A Matchmaker

In 2006, at least 4 children from Northern Ontario will have undergone Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) for cancerous or pre-malignant diseases – and that is not to mention kids who may have required BMT for another type of disorder. With the incidence in our area so high this year, it seemed timely to include an article about bone marrow transplant, and the Unrelated Bone Marrow Registry.

A BMT is a risky and difficult procedure, often used as a last resort when other treatment options have failed. The demands on the family are enormous, and the potential for complications are high. However, many people are alive and healthy today because of BMT.

When it is decided that a child needs a BMT, the blood of the immediate family (parents and siblings) is tested to see if it is a match to the child. It is not enough to have the same blood type, as it is the antigens in the blood which need to match. If no match is found in the immediate family, the transplant physician turns to the Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

This is a worldwide list of nearly 10 million potential donors. I am often asked by friends of patients and families, “how do I see if I am a match for so-and-so”. In Canada, directed donation (being tested for just one person) is not done, but by adding yourself to the Registry, you will be increasing the chances of finding a match not just for that one person, but for thousands of others as well.

In Canada, the Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry is managed by Canadian Blood Services. Joining the Registry is easy and involves just a small amount of blood drawn from your arm. If you are healthy, between the ages of 17–50, and willing to donate to anyone in need, consider contacting the:

Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-2 DONATE or visit their website at:

www.blood.ca/Web/cbswebforms.nsf/page/E_ubmdrpk_g-intro?opendocument

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HILDA PEARCE PROJECT HOPE

The Hilda Pearce **Project Hope** was created by a six time cancer survivor and 35 year Canadian Cancer Society volunteer. Her mission was to celebrate the courage of children who have experienced cancer, and their families, through visual media and the written word.

In PROJECT HOPE, 137 Canadian children (5 from Northeastern Ontario) and their families share their experiences of pain, joy, courage, strength and determination. The successes of these children and their families are a source of hope, faith, inspiration and support and are sure to strengthen the spirit of anyone feeling the effects of cancer in one way or another.

From the mouths of babes, you will read the stories of 2 teenaged brothers diagnosed with the same cancer, along with stories of childhood cancer survivors proudly photographed with their children and hundreds of additional stories and encouraging messages that will lift any spirit.

The book, previously sold at Chapters, is now available at the Travelway Inn across from the Northeastern Regional Cancer center, or by contacting the Jan Oystriick Team, Re/Max Crown Realty, at 560-5650 or through mysudbury.ca. It can also be reserved by calling NOFCC directly at 1-888-993-9227 or 705-693-9227.

Project Hope will be sold for 25.00 (taxes included). Proceeds from the sale will go directly to the families through our programs.

‘Dr. Mark Greenberg ... I Presume?’

In order to educate our families and their community: their caregivers, the school system, the medical community and all general public, we have invited Dr. Greenberg to do a presentation on the **Long Term Effects of Cancer Treatment in Children and Aftercare Clinics.**

Initially appointed to the faculty of The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto in 1973 Dr. Mark Greenberg currently directs the Aftercare Clinic at The Hospital for Sick Children and co-chairs the national Canadian Childhood Cancer Surveillance and Control Program. He is a Senior Oncologist at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Professor of pediatrics and surgery at the University of Toronto, previous North American President of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology and currently holds the position of Medical Director of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario and the POGO Chair in Childhood Cancer Control at the University of Toronto. Dr. Greenberg was awarded the Order of Canada in 2001 in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the area of childhood cancer.

Families are encouraged to attend. In order to facilitate this NOFCC will provide volunteers to take care of NOFCC children during the presentation. Reduced hotel rates will also be available for NOFCC families from the Sault Ste Marie and Timmins area.

A question period will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. There is no cost to attend. Donations to Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer-NOFCC will be accepted at the door. (cash or cheque only) Receipts will be provided.

When: Saturday January 27, 2007

Where: Caruso Club, Lower Hall, 385 Haig St, Sudbury

Time: Doors will open at 3:00 pm. Presentation will begin at 3:30 pm

Acknowledgement of Support

Thanking you for your recent and continuous support....

(David (7) and Benjamin (5) Clement raised **\$93.00** selling Lemonade during a Baseball Tournament in Lively over the summer. Nice work guys...I hope the teams made you their Mascots!!!

(Wembley Public School’s teachers have donated over **\$450.00** for their ‘Dress-down days’ in honour of Reniessa Boeswald.

(Payroll donations made through United Way/Centraide Sudbury and District and through the United Way of Greater Toronto.

(Sudbury Mutual Planning has chosen NOFCC for their charity of choice once again this year. Thank you for your continued support.

Noteworthy Support:

Chevalier de Colomb Annonciation 8360	Minnow Lake Lionesses	Maria Ryan	C. Schram
Mrs. Jan Oystriek of Re/Max Crown	B.P.O. Elks Lodge #346 of Espanola	Mrs. Pierina Squarzolo	
Dustin Schroeder	Pizza Hut	Sudbury Wolves Community Club	Williams Coffee Pub
AMGEN Canada Inc. of Mississauga	I.B.M. Employees’ Charitable Fund of Markham	Miss Leslie Keck	
Sudbury Mutual Planning	Re/Max Team	Ten Rainbow Foundation	Meagan’s Wish Foundation

Special thank you to the Friends & Family of: Jacqueline Aubertin, Mary Ellen Maskevich, Helen Wesno, & John Luopa — for your donations.

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What Do We Do.....

Established in 1998 by a group of parents of children with cancer, the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC) is volunteer based registered charity that is not government funded and relies solely on public donations and fundraising events. Being parents themselves, they recognize the particular difficulties involved in caring for a child with cancer and the geographic challenges of living in the north.

The NOFCC serves all families who have been touched by childhood cancer—families with a child on active treatment, those off treatment, or receiving follow up care, and bereaved families.

Our area expands north to Timmins and Kapuskasing, south to Parry Sound, east to North Bay and west to Sault Ste. Marie, and all areas in between.

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