



Dear NOFCC,

I am a single parent and live in North Bay, Ontario.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank your organization for your support ever since my ten year old daughter was diagnosed with cancer.

The news of her diagnosis was shocking and our lives immediately changed. North Bay like most northern communities does not have the medical facilities to handle this illness. All medical intervention had to take place in Toronto at Sick Kids or in Sudbury. This involved a very large amount of travel and time away from home for the first two years. For the first year we were in Sick Kids full time for several months and outpatients on a daily or weekly basis at Sick Kids or the Sudbury clinic there after. As you can imagine this was very expensive and at the same time I was unavailable to work.

The financial consequences when something like this happens to a family are devastating. Your organization helped us greatly and you were always there and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness.

One thing I was very surprised to learn about was the very large number of children that are diagnosed with some form of cancer each year in Ontario. This can happen to any child any place and at anytime. Over the last 5 years I have met many parents who have shared their experiences with me. They have all involved tremendous sacrifice.

I know the work NOFCC performs is greatly appreciated by all that come to know you under what are some of the most difficult and frightening circumstances any parent and family can imagine. Thank you for being there and for all the support you gave us especially on every trip we had to take and every day we had to spend away from home.

Stephen Hennessy
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