

CHILDREN'S CENTRE
FOUNDATION THUNDER BAY



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Welcome to our first edition!

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A New Way to Stay Informed

The Children's Centre Foundation is excited to present the very first edition of our newsletter, the "Children's Centre Foundation Bulletin". It will be produced on a quarterly basis, and is available to provide information on upcoming events, activities, fundraisers and happenings relevant to the CCTB Foundation, and its efforts to support Children's Centre Thunder

Bay. Stay up to date with the Bulletin!

About the Foundation

Developed in 2004, the Foundation was a response to declining funds in the mental health sector, particularly in the areas of public education and prevention. It has been recognized that public education and prevention are critical to intersecting issues that may escalate into more serious problems.

We sit on various committees in the community, collaborate with other agencies, take part in community events, plan and hold fundraisers, and work to support CCTB in its efforts to improve the lives of children and families in the City and District of Thunder Bay. Stay tuned for our new website, coming soon!



What Have We Been Up To?

The 2007 **GRAND KAM CANOE AND KAYAK TOUR** was a success!



CCTB Foundation and Lot 66 join to host fundraiser, **WINE SATIONS**.



CCTBF successfully applies to the **Ontario Trillium Foundation!**

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Grand Kam 2007



Friends enjoying the Exotic Pet Display, courtesy of Wendy Astle of Lilac Grove Boarding Kennel and Dog Park.

June 30 marked the date of the annual fundraiser, **The Grand Kam Canoe and Kayak Tour**. This year's event was a great success, raising approximately \$8500 for the Foundation.

Participants had the option of a leisure or competitive paddle,

with 5km and 20 km distances. There was a BBQ, music, live bands, children's activities, an exotic pet display, prizes, awards and a raffle.

Of course, this event would not be possible without our sponsors, and community supporters, participants,

planning committee and dedicated volunteers. Thank you very much for all of your support. Watch for another Grand Kam next summer!



"Cheers to our supporters, Lot 66 and our organizing committee!"

1st Annual WineSations

Children's Centre Foundation and Lot 66 joined for an evening of fine wine and food pairings at the very first **WineSations** fundraiser. The event was held at Lot 66 and consisted of 8 unique and delicious wine and

food pairings. This sold out event raised \$5000 for our Foundation, and we are looking forward to the next WineSations April 14, 2008. A special thank you to co-owners Binanca and Michael of Lot 66, and their wonderful

staff. For more information on WineSations, please call 343-5012.



Exciting News from Ontario Trillium

Foundation!

This summer brought some very exciting news from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation**. The Children's Centre Foundation is the recipient of a 2 year \$100 000 grant from

OTF for a new youth public education project, scheduled to launch Fall 2007. We are looking forward to working with local youth and educating

the public through a youth driven campaign. Stay tuned for project updates. We would like to thank and acknowledge the Ontario Trillium Foundation for making this possible!

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Recent & Upcoming Events

Throughout the year, the Foundation takes part in a variety of events. As always, our event committees are comprised of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, we welcome you to call 343-5012.

A Cup for a Cause

CCTB Foundation teamed up with Starbucks for a day dedicated to charity. On Friday September 14th, Starbucks (Thunder Centre location)

generously offered coffee and lattes by donation, with all proceeds going directly to our Foundation. Thank you to everyone that came out, and the great team at Starbucks for helping us raise \$485!

Lisa Laco's 49 & Holding Birthday Bash

It's almost time for Lisa's legendary Birthday Bash! We continue to celebrate CBC radio host, Lisa Laco's 49th birthday until \$49 000 is raised for the Foundation.

Join us **November 16 at the Da Vinci Centre** for a night of fun, dancing and music with the Sensational Hot Rods. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased from any fundraising committee member and at the Children's Centre main reception. Doors open at 8:00pm. Once again, we will be featuring our famous 'prize room' loaded with fantastic raffle prizes to be won.

For tickets or more information, please call 343-5012.



Lisa being serenaded by 2 of the Hot Rods at last year's event.



Mental Illness Awareness Week

Mental Illness Awareness Week is October 1-7, 2007. A variety of local agencies and individuals have come together to form a planning committee for the week. For more information and a complete schedule, visit mentalhealthnetwork.ca

Monday October 1

Photovoice: Exposing our Path to Wellness

Waverly Resource Library 7:00—9:00 pm. For more information, contact CMHA at 683-4952.

Tuesday October 2

High School Circus

Presented by Blacklight Theatre. Waverly Resource Library 7:00-9:00pm. For details, call PACE at 343-4760.

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TBRHSC, 11:30am—12:30pm, Auditorium A. Free parking passes available.

Wednesday October 3

Margaret Trudeau: Breaking the Myths of Mental Illness

Valhalla Inn Ballroom,

7:00pm. General admission tickets \$20. For more information, call CMHA at 683-4952.

Thursday October 4

The Recovery Monologues

Waverly Resource Library. 7:00-9:00pm. For details, contact Saint Joseph's Care Group at 346-5226.

Friday October 5

Brainwaves Coffee House

Prince Arthur Hotel, 7:30-10:00pm. Call 343-4760 for further information.

This year's theme is Celebrating Consumer/Survivor Strengths

A Message From Our President

Our dream for the Children's Centre Foundation is now becoming a reality. Thanks to our fundraising activities and a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we have come a long way toward realizing our dream of providing education and prevention activities for all the children and families of Thunder Bay who struggle with issues of mental health.

Of course, that is only the beginning and we will work toward making sure that all the service and treatment needed will be provided. Many people have worked very hard to make this happen and we thank them all—the members of both the Children's Centre and Foundation Board of

Directors, the staff of the agency, the senior management team and the community who have responded so well to our requests for sponsorship and prizes for our fundraisers.

It truly is '*Better to build strong children than to mend broken adults*'.

Evelyn Bradley,
President, Children's Centre Foundation



Board of Directors

We would like to thank our Board of Directors for their dedication to making our Foundation a success. We are proud to have the following sit on our Board:

Evelyn Bradley, President; **Jill Johnson**, Vice President; Directors, **Glenn Brassard**; **Steve Melnik**; **Bohdan Huk**; **Don Morrison**; and welcome to our newest director, **Sue McCartney**.



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