



# CFofM Newsletter

## More than Summer Memories for Children

Over 300,000 Canadians have epilepsy. In fact, epilepsy is defined as a tendency to have recurring seizures and is the second most common neurological disorder. "Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders in the world, but too many people still don't know the facts," said Gail Dempsey, president of the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance. Over 15,500 new cases are diagnosed each year with 55% of these patients being diagnosed before the age of ten. These are the facts.

Parents of children with epilepsy have a difficult time finding camps/childcare in the summer. Many camps aren't trained to deal with a child with a seizure disorder and turn the child away. Private baby sitters frequently aren't well educated about epilepsy and refuse to care for the child out of fear.

But summer camp is such a great experience for so many children. The memories of lazy summer days at camp often become treasured recollections even as we become adults.

And summer camp is more than camp fires and cook outs. "When people look at camp, they see fun. But that's not what camp is about. What's really important, and the value of the experience, is what kids learn," says Troy Glover, associate professor in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Waterloo. "Summer camp is a very effective teaching environment because it makes learning enjoyable," Glover says.

Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton's Sunny Days Camp provides children living with epilepsy, aged five to fifteen with an opportunity to participate in this summertime rite of passage. It allows them to have fun, gives them a sense of freedom and provides parents with a break as camp accepts siblings too; all in an environment that parents know is safe.

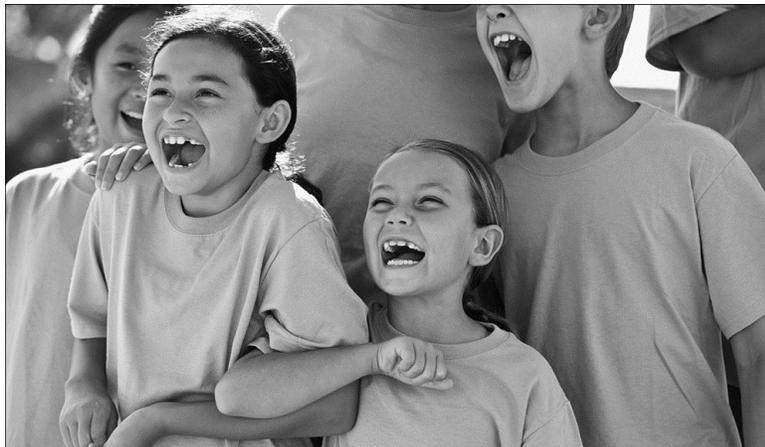
This is particularly important for children and their families who are dealing with epilepsy. Emotional, behavioural, and relationship diffi-

culties are common in children with epilepsy, and constitute a significant burden to the children and their families, indicating the need for effective mental health services for these children, reports a recent population survey of mental health problems in children with epilepsy. "We have many families who register their children in Sunny Days Camp and many more who want to, but just don't have the funds. All children with epilepsy should be able to have the camp experience regardless of their family's financial situation," notes Epilepsy Halton Peel Hamilton.

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation, children from Mississauga with epilepsy, whose families might otherwise not be able to afford to, can participate in a summer camp opportunity specifically targeted to their needs. This grant came from a fund established by a caring donor and was one of over eighty grants provided this spring through the compassion and caring for community of donors. Donors know that when they give to the Foundation to establish a fund, their support for community-based programs and services, is carefully stewarded, sustainable and informed by community knowledge.

The Community Foundation of Mississauga like its peers across Canada is deeply committed to providing donor-centred resources and cost effective tools for giving.

But like our donors, sometimes we can also be committed to making sunny summer smiles for kids!



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**YOUR COMMUNITY  
MAKES YOU.  
AND NOW IT  
COULD MAKE YOU  
FAMOUS.**

Canada's community foundations are producing their first-ever national advertising campaign aimed at showing Canadians how our communities make us who we are. We're looking for someone with a passion for their community and a personality for the spotlight. The talent search winners will be flown to Toronto for a starring role on TV and radio. If you'd like your shot, send us a quick audition video to the website below. Hey, you never know!

[www.communityfoundations.ca/talentsearch](http://www.communityfoundations.ca/talentsearch)

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## Who will be the next community idol?

So much exciting news to share and here's a great initiative from our national organization. We are all too frequently our community's best kept secret. Did you know that community foundations are one of Canada's largest grant makers? Well, its time to share our great story with the nation. So we are looking for a community

champion who will take part in a national campaign. If you are age 18 or over and believe passionately in building community, could you be the next community idol? To find out more about how you can participate, visit: [www.communityfoundations.ca/talentsearch](http://www.communityfoundations.ca/talentsearch). Let's represent, Mississauga!

## Smart and Caring

As we approach our country's 150th birthday, Canada's Governor General, the Right Honourable David Johnston, has challenged us to imagine our country as it could be – a smart and caring nation that holds promise for all. The Governor General's call to service has special meaning for community foundations since he is the patron of our network, Community Foundations of Canada. But more importantly, his aspirations for our country mirror those of community foundations from coast to coast to coast.

*Join me in imagining our country as it could be... a smart and caring nation, where all Canadians can succeed, contribute, and develop their talents to their fullest potential.*

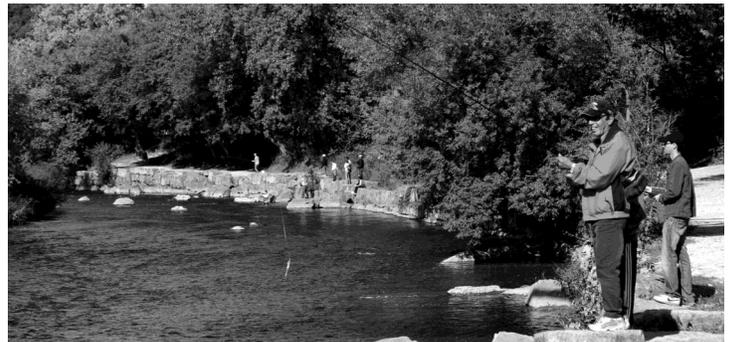
His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

caring community for Mississauga.

Smart & Caring Communities unites our movement in a nation-wide call to service, an opportunity to mobilize people, organizations, and

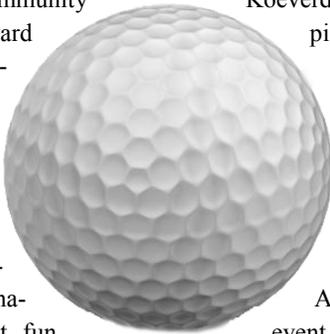
resources in a shared effort to build a smarter and more caring nation. Together we can leverage this unique moment in time to engage residents in their community foundation in a new way. We can determine what a 'smart and caring' community means to them and how we can seed and support that vision.

We plan to bring you more information on this initiative as it takes shape across our community. In the meantime, stay in touch... call us if you would like to be part of building the future of our city and our country.



# Golf balls and glitter balls

Golfers in the community are looking forward to the Foundation's **Fore Mississauga** Tournament!



According to participant feedback 'the tournament is not just fun, it's well run'. Being held on September 12, 2013, at the gorgeous Piper's Heath Golf Club in Milton, the tournament is an action packed day and well worth the registration. It begins around noon with registration and a delicious barbecue lunch out on the patio. There is a practice driving range and putting green.

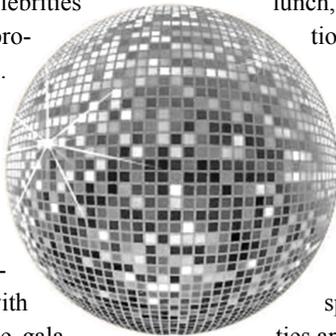
Shot gun start for the four person scramble will be 1:30pm. The tourney features plenty of food and games on course. Dinnertime highlights include an auction with super items, live music and a scrumptious dinner spread. Last year's dinner speaker was Adam Van

Koeverden, Summer Olympic 2012 Bronze winner, sponsored by Suncor Energy.

Individual golfers pay \$250, foursomes are \$950.

And then the exciting event that will be the talk of the town is a brand new event for the Foundation and for the community; **Dancing with Mississauga Stars**, the Foundation's premiere gala. Hold November 8, 2013 in your calendar for this spectacular evening.

Fashioned after the popular TV show, the event will feature four corporate celebrities paired up with professional dancers. The 'Stars' ultimate objective will be to raise essential funds for the Foundation and to perform one dance with their partner at the gala.



The evening will have it all: ballroom style dancing, sequined costumes, great dance music, sparkling lights and qualified judges. Be sure to check out our web site for information on who our exciting 'Stars' will be! They would love to have your support with a pledge.

You will want to book your tickets now for what is sure to be a sold out evening of glitz and glam.

For the third consecutive year, Advocis Peel Halton, will be holding the **Holiday Social** to benefit the Community Foundation of Mississauga on Thursday December 12, 2013. The event will feature an inspirational speaker, a sit down lunch, and a wonderful auction. Tickets are \$40.

For all of these events, email [events@cfmfm.org](mailto:events@cfmfm.org) for more info or call Afshaan at 905 897-8880. Limited sponsorship opportunities are also available.



When the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc became Governor General of Canada, he was determined to thank the thousands of caring people who give so much to their fellow citizens, the unsung heroes who volunteer their time, their efforts and a great deal of their lives to helping others, and who ask for nothing in return. In 1995, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award was created.

The award's emblem represents Canadians who selflessly give of their time and energy to others. The maple leaf symbolizes the people of Canada and their spirit; the heart depicts the open-heartedness of volunteers; and the outstretched hand portrays boundless generosity.

In June, the Community Foundation of Mississauga was thrilled when Board Chair, Bonnie Yagar was presented with a Caring Canadian Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada at the national conference of Community Foundations of Canada.

A resident of Mississauga since 1983, Bonnie has been involved in the community in various capacities. Bonnie has been a dedicated volunteer with many local organizations including Community Living Mississauga, Volunteer MBC, Success by Six, Canadian Mental Health Association and more. She is a former Mississauga Citizen of the Year. Congratulations to this remarkable and caring Canadian!

- 56** Percentage of Canadians who have a will
- 92** Percentage of Canadians who have a will who donate regularly to charities
- 17** Percentage of Canadians who donate regularly who have named one charity in their will
- 8** Percentage of Canadians who have named at least one charity in their will
- 8 of 9** Canadians who do not tell a charity in advance about bequest
- 20** Percentage of Canadians with a will who say they would make a bequest to a trusted charity, if only they were asked
- 186** Total number of Community Foundations in Canada at the end of 2012

**\$154 mill** Amount that Community Foundations across Canada granted in 2012, making Community Foundations one of Canada's largest grant-makers



## COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Anonymous	Robert Wordham	Body and Soul Med + Day Spa
Marion Bartlett	Playdium	Credit Valley Conservation Foundation
Jim Blake	Farnham + Company Chartered Accountants	Microsoft
Paul Brown	Toronto Symphony Orchestra	CIBC
Peter and Karen Campbell	TD Waterhouse Private Investment Advice	Mississauga Real Estate Board
Tom and Stella Cooney	Living Arts Centre	MNP LLP
Gordon Cowan	Via Rail Canada	Pallett Valo
Paula Deering	Mary Kay Cosmetics Ltd.	Winners Merchants International
Wayne Derby	ReMax	Bell Canada
Elizabeth Forsyth	Pipers Heath Golf Club	Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club
David Lane	Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre	Andrew Peller Limited
John Legault	3M	Mariposa Cruises
Gordon LeRiche	RBC Royal Bank	Reckitt Benckiser Canada Inc.
Ray and Kathy Lessard	Ontario Trillium Foundation	TD Commercial Banking
Eileen MacKenzie	Heys International Ltd.	Keyser Mason Ball, LLP
Mary Main	BMO Financial Group	Lumsden Brothers
Mike McParland	Art Gallery of Mississauga	Ridley Windows and Doors Inc.
John Menzies	Waterside Inn	Delta Quebec
Elizabeth Nilsen	Suncor Energy Foundation	Desjardins Voyageur Credit Union
Steven Offer	Museums of Mississauga	Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
Gerry Pancott	KPMG Management Services LP	Paramount Fine Foods
Cliff Preston	Shaw Festival Theatre	Linda's Craftique
Gary and Joanne Reamey	Arthur Murray Mississauga Dance Studio	Watts Current Inc.
Nancy Scott		
Erica Teklits		
Amy Tjen		
JoAnne Winkworth		

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