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DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WINNER OF TOP PLEDGES DONATES PRIZE TO CAMP TRILLIUM

PETERBOROUGH — The good news just keeps on coming. After a successful dragon boat festival on June 12—the final tally is not in and won't be announced until mid-August—top individual pledge earner for the second consecutive year, Dave Nicholls, decides to do another good turn.

Dave is giving his prize, a beautiful Kawartha canoe donated by Liftlock Fibreglass Fabrication, to a good cause. Dave is handing over his canoe to Camp Trillium for children living with cancer to enjoy.

Since 1984, Camp Trillium has grown in leaps and bounds and now provides recreational programs to children living with cancer and their families in both camp and hospital settings year round.

Dave participated in the dragon boat festival as a drummer for Dave and The Puroonauts, a team of friends and coworkers from Purolator Courier Ltd, a festival sponsor. The Puroonauts won the top prize for the team with the most pledge money—\$7,578. Their team name is placed on a special memorial plaque in memory of Dr. Jaroszonek, which is displayed at the Peterborough Clinic.

Sponsors of the 2004 festival were: Kawartha Credit Union, platinum sponsor; gold sponsors Minute Maid/Coca Cola Ltd. and CHEX/KRUZ/Wolf; silver sponsor Daimler Chrysler Canada Inc.; bronze sponsors, Mark's Work Wearhouse, Americredit, Shirley McDowell/Re/Max, Peterborough This Week, Tim Hortons, and Investors Group; and teak sponsors, Nurse Emission Testing and Repair, Coach Canada, Country 105, Price Chopper, Saturn of Peterborough, The Peterborough Examiner, BE Catering, Liftlock Fibreglass Fabrication/Home of Kawartha Canoes, Purolator Courier Ltd. and The Connection Newspaper.

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CAMP TRILLIUM BACKGROUNDER

What is Camp Trillium?

Every year over 400 children in Ontario are diagnosed with cancer. The chance for these children to go to camp and be a kid again can seem like a remote possibility. Camp Trillium provides recreational programs to children living with cancer and their families in both camp and hospital settings year round.

Camp Trillium's Mission Statement

The Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre offers and promotes recreational experiences to bring children with cancer and their families together. The Trillium Centre provides an environment that normalizes relationships and experiences, helping them in the healing process and enhancing their quality of life.

Where is Camp Trillium?

Camp Trillium has two permanent campsites in Ontario. Garratt's Island, near Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton has been operating since 1989, and Rainbow Lake, in Waterford, Ontario, opened in 1997. Camp Trillium travels throughout Ontario to eight different cities, operating Day Camp Programs in the summer, and to several cities operating Youth Groups and Trillium in the Community programs throughout the year.

The Camper Population

More children than ever before are surviving childhood cancer, however the devastation of their diagnosis and their treatments have major implications for the whole family. With the phenomenal growth that the Camp Trillium has experienced since 1984, it is apparent that the support and recreation we provide is truly necessary. Childhood cancer affects the whole family; therefore, our population includes: children on treatment, children off treatment, brothers and sisters of patients, bereaved siblings and parents.

The History of Camp Trillium

Camp Trillium began in 1984 in London, thanks to a generous grant from the **ODD FELLOWS** and **REBEKAHS of ONTARIO**. It was the first camp of its kind in Canada. Camp Trillium has grown from 28 participants to over 2000 and has stretched across the province offering years of friendship and camping adventures. Each year has brought on the development of new and fun programs for both children with cancer and their families. Here are just a few highlights:

Our Story

- 1984** Our first camp is held at Circle R Ranch in London with 28 campers and 18 staff.
- 1985** We grow to include campers from the Hamilton and Ottawa clinics.

- 1986** The first Youth Group begins in Ottawa and the first Trillium Telegraph is published.
- 1987** Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre receives charity status and a Board of Directors is established with Dr. DeVeber as the first chairperson.
- 1988** Three new programs begin: counsellor-in-training, leadership camp and winter camp.
- 1989** Camping begins on Garratt's Island and the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society initiates their annual grant.
- 1990** Family Camp is a big hit, an exchange program is developed and the Grand Opening of Camp Trillium's new home, Garratt's Island, is celebrated.
- 1991** The dining hall is built at Garratt's, and Kayla, the first camp dog arrives.
- 1992** The Activity Hall/Chapel is built on the island and Camp Trillium hosts the National Children's Conference.
- 1993** Northern Ontario programs begin, the Onekanoes come to camp and Teen Weekends begin.
- 1994** Tenth anniversary celebrations are held at Garratt's Island.
- 1995** The lease is signed for Rainbow Lake, soon to be the second site for Camp Trillium.
- 1996** Day Camp grows to 10 Ontario cities.
- 1997** Construction begins at Rainbow Lake and Camp Trillium hosts the Children's Oncology Camping Association International Conference (COCA).
- 1998** The Grand Opening celebration for Rainbow Lake is June 20, with 2500 guests in attendance.
- 1999** We celebrate our 15th anniversary and hold our first official staff reunion.
- 2000** Garratt's Island celebrates 10 years of camping with Trillium and a new lease is signed for 25 more years.
- 2001** The foundation is set for a Resource Centre at Garratt's Island and Cabin 8 is built at Rainbow Lake.
- 2002** Trillium in the Community continues to provide support to families year round and reaches record numbers of Special Friend Matches, Youth Groups, Camp Nights and Clinic Support volunteers.
- 2003** Thanks to our incredible donors, volunteers, staff and families, we are bound to have more fun days ahead with Camp Trillium!

A bit more information about Camp Trillium...

- All programs are designed to incorporate all abilities.
- We are operated by the **Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre**, which is governed by a Board of Directors made up of oncologists, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, child life workers and parents.
- We are accredited by the Ontario Camping Association. Camp Trillium is also a member of the Children's Oncology Camping Association International (COCA).
- All of our programs are free to the families. We are funded by generous donations from individuals, service clubs, businesses, foundations and the **Canadian Cancer Society- Ontario Division**.