



KCCU DONATES \$60,000 TO MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA IN HONOUR OF THE LATE BRYAN HALLADAY.

Kingston, ON – Kingston Community Credit Union Limited Chair Robert Trentadue will present a cheque to Muscular Dystrophy Canada for \$60,000 on behalf of the members of KCCU along with G. Blake Halladay, CEO who lost his son to Myotonic Dystrophy. The presentation will take place at noon on September 13th, 2014 at KCCU's Annual Family Fun Fair.

Bryan Halladay was a vibrant young man, full of life, who died suddenly at the age of 25 after exercising, due to the effects of myotonic dystrophy. He had no warning due to the lack of information available on the disease. The effects on his family were devastating.

Myotonic Dystrophy is the most common form of adult onset muscular dystrophy affecting 14 in every 100,000 adults. It is a genetically passed on. Symptoms include voluntary muscle weakness, drooping eyelids, unclear word pronunciation, a shuffling gait, difficulty in relaxing muscles after prolonged contraction, difficulty raising head when lying down, difficulty holding an object firmly, difficulty climbing stairs or rising from a seated position* as well as other far more serious consequences to vital muscles such as cardiac arrhythmia.

Several years ago, Blake Halladay, his father partnered with members of the community, KCCU, The Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation and established a memorial fund to accumulate to help provide needed research monies to find a cure for this poorly understood disease with potentially fatal consequences.

The Credit Union has partnered with Kingston Fire and Rescue again this year and will be holding a charity BBQ at their annual Fun Fair held on September 13th to support their Fill the Boots campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. In addition to all the activities at the fun fair, such as games, crafts, magic show, bounce castle, petting zoo the Fire and Rescue team will provide truck tours and fire prevention tips for the kids.

Over the past 15 years the fund has accumulated at the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation as the "Bryan Halladay Memorial Fund for Myotonic Dystrophy Research" until such a time as it could be donated to an appropriate organization to carry out the important research into this debilitating disease.

About Kingston Community Credit Union Limited

Kingston Community Credit Union is and has consistently been one of Canada's most profitable and best capitalized credit unions over the past twenty years, owned by its 13,000 members. It has four branches serving Greater Kingston, Ontario. Over the past three years KCCU has returned over \$1.3 Million to its members in the form of profit-sharing. KCCU was founded over 55 years ago and has grown to become one of Ontario's most award-winning credit unions. KCCU has over \$135 Million of assets under administration.

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