

# Life Times

the newsletter of Bereaved Families of Durham Region

*"Bereaved helping the bereaved to learn to live with grief"*



October 2011

During these first six months, working with BFO-Durham has been like turning pages very quickly. It's amazing how time has flown.

There have been some challenges; I don't think anyone can be completely prepared for a unique job such as this one. Fundraising



and networking have been smooth sailing thus far, and taking phone calls, listening and offering encouraging words of

empathy and support for parents who have lost a child is deeply fulfilling.

Their heartbreak and sorrow is felt, as I also remember my own loss of a child. But I remember how grateful I was when I needed comfort and support and someone picked up the phone and listened. To all parents who have lost a child, although we can empathize through our similar loss, we recognize that each loss and the grieving process is individual, but we are always here to listen and offer you support.

Since I have been here, there have been quite a few fundraising events and my heartfelt thanks to so many of you who took the time to help out and spread awareness. I would like to acknowledge the following events in which our volunteers have invested so much of their time, energy and spirit:

- The Walk to Remember
- A Run to Remember and the Car Wash, in loving memory of Jeffrey Warne
- The Beach Party
- An Evening of Music, in loving memory of Steven Devecseri, with the Welsh Choir, Amy Bourdon Soloist and Edwin Sormin.
- The Family Picnic/Bazaar with a special thank you to ElizabethAnn Williams from the Boys & Girls Club and the volunteers who came and did a terrific job with the children's games, in memory of Pierce Love.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers, family members and friends who we all rely on to make each event a success. Also thanks to the University of

Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Rogers TV, for always helping out our organization when needed. Thank you.

To all of the gracious sponsors and others who so generously provided us with donations; it is very greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us in continuing to be able to provide much needed support and assistance to grieving families.

Going forward, continued support from all of our amazing volunteers is greatly appreciated to ensure future success with upcoming events.

As a reminder, the next event is our upcoming costume Halloween Dance Fundraiser. I hope you will all come out and support us for an evening of fun, dancing and prizes!

I am thankful to be a part of this wonderful and important community organization and to all of the members for welcoming me in to the BFO family.

My warmest regards  
Margaret Devecseri  
Director of Public Affairs

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of Ontario  
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through death*

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## Introducing Reconnect

At BFO Durham, we are offering the following addition to our ongoing support programming.

Mothers of previous infant loss groups had requested a reconnect meeting which would enable them to catch up again with one and another and have further conversations about the loss of their infants. This meeting was very successful and further meetings are planned on a bi-monthly basis. Our next meeting for infant loss members is November 28th.

Parents who have completed groups for older children loss have indicated that they would also like to reconnect with one and another. We will provide a reconnect meeting for them also on a bi-monthly basis. Our first meeting for this group will be October 24th. Please call the office at [905-579-4293](tel:905-579-4293) if you are interested in joining and for more information.

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## Car Wash Cleans Up for B.F.O.

I would like to thank everyone who participated and supported our 3rd Annual Run To Remember in loving memory of Jeffrey Warne which took place May 24th in Whitby. Also many thanks to our car washers who took part in our back to back Saturdays in late April. Many BFO members came by for a much needed car wash.

This year we raised a combined total of \$6,566.11 for BFO-Durham.

We plan on keeping the car washes and the 4th Annual Run to Remember a yearly tradition. The run venue may be changed to Petticoke Creek Conservation area in Pickering with a bbq following (end of May). We are hoping to attract more runners, walkers + cyclists this way as we feel the "marathon event" may be slightly intimidating for the non runners.

If you wish to get involved please contact me at the number below.

Denise Robinson

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# Halloween Dance Fundraiser!

## Get Ready for a Wicked Night

October 29th from 7:00pm -1:00am

Join us for a  
**Frightfully Good Time!**

Music, Silent Action, Prizes!

Your ticket \$25.00 per person will  
include:

Buffet dinner, Entertainment,

A great prize for the Best Costume! (Cash bar!)

All proceeds for:

Bereaved Families of Ontario-Durham Region

For tickets call:

905-579-4293 or Margaret's Cell: 905-259-9159

[bfodurham@gmail.com](mailto:bfodurham@gmail.com)

Where:

Hungarian Culture Club, 64 Albany St. Oshawa

## B.F.O Durham Fall Drop- In Schedule

### October Drop-ins

Infant loss Drop-in  
October 3 7-9

Afternoon Drop-in  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3

Evening Drop-in  
October 12<sup>th</sup>7-9 October 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9

### November Drop-ins

Infant Loss Drop-in  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Afternoon Drop-in  
November 21 1-3

Evening Drop-in  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Evening Drop-in  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Angel Tree  
November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Durham Board  
of Education

### December Drop-ins

Infant Loss Drop-in  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Evening Drop-in  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Evening Drop-in  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 7-9

Getting through the Holidays

Afternoon Drop-in  
December 19 1-3

# *Our Children Remembered*

Dallas Re Fountain  
August 3rd 2010

Kelli Mitchell  
September 1, 1996

Adrienne Ferguson -Keller  
September 2, 1992

Amanda Ruby Mayock  
September 2, 2005

Jamie Lee Wiznuk  
September 2, 2009

Jayla DeSouza  
September 3, 2009

Michael Christopher Noseworthy  
September 4, 2003

Omar Ryan Sadler  
September 7, 1996

Ashley DeJong  
September 9, 2002

Leo Atkinson  
September 10, 2003

Brody James Prebble-Cooper  
September 11, 2006

Laura Catherine Pellegrino  
September 13, 1990

Karen Lato  
September 13, 1992

Bryan Douglas Gordon  
September 14, 2007

Holly Ventress  
September 14, 2007

Taylor Elizabeth Longman  
September 16, 1999

Sean McAvoy  
September 16, 2005

Kelly G. Lomax  
September 17, 1992

Jake Vanzeyl  
September 18, 1998

Ryan William Sutherland  
September 18, 2009

Michael Crover  
September 19, 1998

Kelly Darby  
September 19, 1999

Terah Elaine Dawkins  
September 19, 2010

Paul Turansky  
September 19, 2005

Julie Carter  
September 22, 2000

Brian English  
September 22, 2002

Michael Maher  
September 26, 2009

Levi & Lauren Allen  
September 28, 2009

Cassandra Kumarsingh  
September 29, 2006

Andrea Nott  
September 30, 2002

John Daniel Harvey  
October 1, 1998

Matthew Gregory Hickey  
October 2, 1996

Brent Heasman  
October 8, 1996

Heather Joan Butcher  
October 8, 2002

Joseph Glode  
October 9, 1994

Joseph Trail  
October 13, 2006

Leonard Arp  
October 15 2009

Dove Lancaster  
October 16, 2002

Curtis MacKinnon  
October 16, 2009

Nicole Wannamaker  
October 16, 2009

Gary Bambrough  
October 18, 2008

Isa Nilsson-Byberg  
October 20, 2010

Robbie Allan Wright  
October 22, 1996

Ryan Andrew Riddell  
October 22, 2005

Nicholas Storms  
October 25 2004

Sarah Zwolinski  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 2007

Derek Lyall  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 1996

Calvin Burton  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 2006

Pat Gostlin  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

Bryan Frank  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 2000

Christopher Shannon  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

Logan Jeffery Barkwell  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 2001

Lee Mitchell Service  
October 31 1999

Megan Grace Burchowycz  
October 31 2002

Patrick M. Beauregard  
October 31 2003

Scot J. Mailer  
November 1 1986

Messiah Kwan Jackson-McDonald  
November 1 2009

Liam Alexander Jan Meerdink  
November 2, 2008

David Michael McCluskey  
November 3, 1995

Megan Lynn Craig  
November 4, 1996

Grace & Kali Johnson  
November 4, 1996

Amir Ghane  
November 5, 2003

Christine Lee Ouderkirk

November 7, 1998

Abigail Watts  
November 7, 2005

Kenton Carnegie  
November 8, 2005

Donnie Hilton  
November 9, 2004

Nathan Michael Fohshow  
November 11, 2004

Anthony Karson Grant  
November 10, 1998

Carter David Dickhoff  
November 12, 2008

Connie Nock  
November 12, 2010

Kylie Langlois  
November 13, 1985

Murray Charland  
November, 13 2003

Hannah & Joshua Larocque  
November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007

Cody Gould  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 1988

Jeffrey Moore  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

Theressa Michelle North  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 1995

Tyron Bracken  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 2010

Charlotte Hannon  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 2002

Jailene Bonnick  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 2005

Erin Gladwell

November 19<sup>th</sup> 2000

Pauline Larocque  
November 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

Glen Allan Rowe  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 1991

Michael James Dunne  
November 24<sup>th</sup> 1993

Pierce LoveGordon  
November 25, 2006

Andrew Bond  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 2006

Gary Kaufman  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 2006

Kyle Christopher Fair  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 1993

David Preston  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 2004

Marley Grace Silcox  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

Leigh Anne Donovan  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 2001

Roberta Eileen Campbell  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 1952

Sylvia Ann Crowley  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 1989





BEREAVED FAMILIES OF ONTARIO-DURHAM REGION  
1050 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON L1G 4W5

**Thursday, NOVEMBER 24th**

*The Angels' Tree of Light  
Memorial Service*



**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Durham District School Board, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby**

The holiday season can be a difficult time for families who have lost a loved one. Once again we will decorate a tree with clear lights and Angels in their memory. Your loved one's name will be written on an Angel and will be displayed on a plaque beside the tree. To ensure the name of your Angel is listed in the Programme, your order **must** be received at our office by November 16th. *Angels may be taken with you after the service. Angels not taken will be available at the BFO-Durham Region office for pickup at a later time.*

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Email: bfodurham@bellnet.ca      Website: www.bfodurham.net



**NAME OF LOVED ONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name as you wish it to appear on the angel and plaque:

If you wish to purchase additional angel(s), please list below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MY NAME IS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**MY DONATION IS:** \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 75.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYABLE BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque to BFO-Durham Region  
\_\_\_\_\_ VISA  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard  
\_\_\_\_\_ Interac (at office only)

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Minimum Credit Card Donation is \$25.00)

Expiry Date: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING SERVICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND A CARD RECOGNIZING MY DONATION TO:**

(Complete name and address required. **Payment must be received in order to have a card sent.**)

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