



2017 Fundraising Year Update

2017 was a Magical Year!

This statement could not be truer. The generous support from donors across Western Canada and the US was simply amazing, and the cancer survivors and their families even more so. Support came in all forms such as; CanWest Corporate Air Charters donating flights from Alberta to Kelowna B.C. for the event, Okanagan Mountain Helicopters for a flight around the valley for a deserving family, Let's Go Transportation for all their efforts in transporting out of town families while in Kelowna, to the rock band Def Leppard for the donation of VIP tickets for the Silent Auction and finally but certainly not last, to a young boy who, undenounced to his parents, took it upon himself to raise funds through his school for Hands Together for a Cure. These are just some of the great stories of people, just like yourself, who wanted to get "onboard" a cool and unique fundraising initiative.

The Kids

2017 saw the most kids get the ride of their lives in the Porsche GT3. In total 7 cancer survivors experienced the ride of their lives at the Kelowna Knox Mountain Hill Climb and their first time over 160 kph in a car!



Caleb and Dad Jason



Caleb had his own BC DL for the event

Young Caleb was too small in 2016, to go for his ride, so his dad Jason got the ride. However 2017 he was determined it was going to be his turn. His dad even went so far as to make him his own driver's license.

Sofia and Rand, sister and brother. Sofia lost her mom to cancer when she was a young girl. Now Sofia took on the challenge to Shave Her Lid for a Kid. The “kid” this time was her older brother Rand, who was diagnosed with cancer earlier in 2017.

Carter, Oscar and Hannah were the other three that battled cancer and won. Hannah had suffered some long-term effects from her treatments including full hip replacements. You could not imagine a more genuine and brave young lady. And though it caused her pain to kneel down beside the car for a photo, she didn't hesitate.

Carter and Oscar were in competition to see who would reach the fastest speed entering Turn 1. In the end Carter just edged out Oscar. All great fun on a very special weekend.



Rand, Sofia and Dad Dallas



Carter and his family



Hannah ready for the ride!

A Milestone Has Been Reached!

When my wife Lenora, son Ben and I decided to start Hands Together for a Cure, we thought that a goal of eventually raising \$100,000.00 would be far reaching, and realistically not so realistic. Each year, since 2012 where we had a goal of \$5,000.00, we would raise the bar by \$5,000.00 making the goal for 2017 set at \$30,000.00. I am very proud to say that every year we exceeded our goal.

It is because of donors like you that as of December 2017, Hands Together for a Cure has raised over \$115,000.00 since we started this family initiative in 2012!

Thank You

Brent, Lenora and Ben Thorkelson