

## Quinte Children's Foundation

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## 2008 A year to remember – 1,464 Brighter Tomorrows

The Quinte Children's Foundation is very proud of our fundraising efforts in 2008 and would like to thank all our volunteers, canvassers and the Foundation Board for our success. In total, with your help, we raised over \$498,000 to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Hastings County. Thank you.

The best part is that we were able to let 1,464 children be kids again.

We can only imagine the joy of the 700 children presented with a Santa stocking and a present last Christmas or the satisfaction of the 81 soccer stars who learned team play or the 57 hockey hopefuls who challenged their personal limits or the 121 campers experiencing new adventures or the 90 parents forming positive attachments with their children after counseling.

In today's economy demand for the Quinte Children's foundation has grown... Thank you for helping us help so many children.

Sincerely,

Christopher K. Costello  
Executive Director,  
The Quinte Children's Foundation

## Our First Crystal Ball was Brilliant

The 2009 Crystal Ball, hosted by Base Commander Colonel Mike Hood and his wife Louisa and Quinte West Mayor John Williams and his wife Heather, was a fabulous evening of fellowship, great food and wine, guest rock stars and a gracious and accommodating CFB Trenton.

For the first time, The Angel of Hope Award was presented to four very special angels for their exceptional contribution to the children of our armed forces personnel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Debbie Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel Chantel Fraser and Karen Brake were honoured by 8 Wing for their contribution to military families around the world.

John and Angela Smylie – nominated by Mayor John Williams - were recognized for their tireless efforts to support both the Military Families Resource Center and countless other causes that guide children and build community.



## A Magical Evening

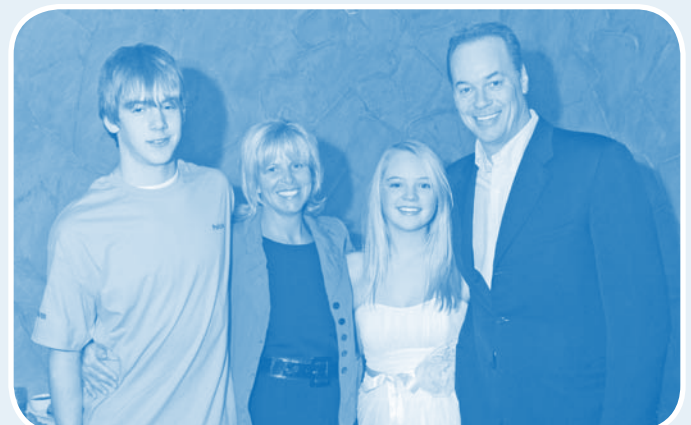
The 8th annual Guardian Angel Gala was the best Gala ever, so say our guests. Sherri and Jim McCarten and their volunteer committee put on an excellent evening of fabulous food, magicians, the Hastings and Price Edward Children's Chorus and a spirited Boyd Sullivan live auction. We raised \$67,000 for our Playing for Keeps and Summer of Hope Camp programs and want to thank all.

We thank Martin Queen and David Muise and the Sears Belleville Associates for creating a Medieval Castle in the Sears Atrium and being wonderful hosts for our 250 guests.

Mark and Mary Hanley were gracious recipients of the 2009 Guardian Angel Award and received a standing ovation for their dedication to children in our community.

Mary Hanley will chair the YMCA Foundation Board this year and Mark continues to commit his time to Loyalist College and Quinte Health Care. These are just a few examples of their generosity and pledge to our children. It was a spectacular night of celebration and friendship and a pleasure to honour very deserving Guardian Angels.

You have to come next year...March 6, 2010, Sears Atrium.



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## Breakfast with the Bulls

Again hosted by Sears Belleville Associates, Breakfast with the Bulls at the Sears Atrium was a winner with the 350 parents and children who came out see their Junior A hockey stars.

The players happily signed autographs, served breakfast, drew door prizes and had their picture taken with their admiring fans. The players showed class and appreciation and were a credit to the coaching staff and the entire Belleville Bulls organization.

We want to thank our sponsors - Martin Queen, David Muise, Dave Lasher, Peter Smith, Tyia Brown, Kim Grimes, Dave Steenburgh, Bernie Klein, the Belleville Bulls staff and players - for a great banquet and a real chance for fans to meet their local hockey hero up close.

It seemed like we were at Yardman Arena with Jack Miller introducing the players to a raucous crowd and giving away door and raffle prizes fundraised by Loyalist College marketing students.

We are looking forward to another sold out Breakfast with the Bulls next year and we thank all involved for making this year's event so much fun for the young fans.

## New Programs for 2009

In January the QCF Board committed \$44,000 to fund two *Helping Hands* pre-natal workers to help coach 30 young mothers to birth healthy babies in Hastings County. Spearheaded by Julie Lange from Scotia McLeod, this program will protect unborn children at risk from abuse in the womb.

Starting in April, the QCF will help fund the *Positive Parenting Program* coordinator position along with HCAS and 14 other community partners. This community based parenting program will change a generation and help break the cycle of abuse.

With sponsorship from Canadian Tire Belleville, Medigas and the HCAS we launched *The Sleep Safe Baby* public awareness campaign March 12 to promote safe sleeping practices and reduce risks to infants.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Reach for Success Scholarship and Youth Awards

May 14 • Empire Theater • 6:00 pm • **FREE**

Come and celebrate the success of children in care.

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Play a Round for the Kids Golf Tournament

May 28 • Trillium Wood Golf Course • \$125 early bird, \$150 after April 30th

A great tournament!

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Play a Round for the Kids Golf Tournament

in North Hastings, August 9 • Bancroft Golf Course • \$50 per golfer

Hurry, sells out early!

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Canadian Tire Jump Start Golf Tournament

September 9th • Black Bear Ridge • \$125 per golfer

Great prizes and all profits to Playing for Keeps.