

VAN GO!

Geordi's turn to help others

Geordi Henry with his wheelchair accessible Honda Odyssey



The One Boy One Van campaign was initiated by Geordi Henry's mom when she needed a van to help transport her son and his extra long wheelchair. Through the generosity of the Eastern Ontario community, four granting agencies, and the family's personal

savings, the campaign successfully raised more than \$60,000, and served to highlight some of the difficulties facing families with special needs children. Geordi's family is deeply grateful for the help received, and would now like to help others in similar need.

Notes from the Chair

Thank you for reading our first newsletter. I hope this print 'masterpiece' will help keep you informed of our activities and successes.

It is a great honor for me to be in this position -- to assist other families with special needs children. I have a keen understanding of the difficulties inherent in transporting a physically challenged child. Our van has increased our independence and given Geordi more opportunity for socialization with his family and friends.

I am very excited to be a part of this follow-up endeavor. I hope you will follow our progress (and cheer us on!) as we move forward.

-Amanda George



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The board of directors is pleased to announce that the Foundation is now a federally incorporated non-profit organization. Charitable status is not yet available, but is actively being pursued. Our goal is to assist five families in our first year of operation. To achieve this, our *2nd Annual Giggle Gala* will be held in early November. The night will feature a dinner, silent auction, and clean comedy show. In the spring,

look for notice of our *Book Sale*. We're hoping to offer hundreds of new and used books just in time for summer reading. Donations of books are gladly accepted. Please visit our 'new and improved' website www.oneboyonevan.ca for more information on these fundraisers. You can also reach us at 613.447.0728.

