

VAN GO!

Amanda's new van

Amanda and her family are proud owners of a modified van.



Amanda is a beautiful 6 year old girl with complex medical needs. Diagnosed with a metabolic disorder (chronic lactic acidemia), Amanda has global developmental delays and seizures.

With the acquisition of her first wheelchair, transportation for

Amanda's family became a big challenge. The Foundation was one of three charities approached by Amanda's parents for assistance with the purchase of a modified van.

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Upcoming Events

Although our main fundraiser will not take place this year, plans are already underway for next year's **Giggle Gala**, which will be held in **early November**. Our website will be updated with the details as they become available.



We are gearing up for our **3rd Really Big Book Sale** which will take place in the **Spring of 2011**. We will be accepting donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs year-round. Please call or drop us a line if you have something you wish to donate to this event.



Please plan to join us at one or both of these events. All proceeds will directly benefit physically challenged children in our community.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The directors wish to offer their deepest thanks to Frank Goulay and Gratien Proulx Building Materials Inc. The Ottawa-based company held their annual golf tournament at the Outaouais Golf Club on June 4, 2010. This popular get-together attracts contractors, builders and suppliers from across Canada. OBOVF was honoured to have been selected as this year's recipient of the tournament

proceeds. Mr. Goulay presented the Foundation with a donation of \$8200, which will be used to purchase vehicles for special-needs children in the region.

We were very fortunate to have also been selected as this year's charity of choice for Ottawa's Premier *Faces, Finance and Fashion Fundraiser*, held on Feb 11, 2010.

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Photo taken by Tony Foubse

Due to time constraints, I was not able to publish our Spring newsletter before our Book Sale. As such, I have quite a bit to share in this edition.

As some of you know, my son Geordi is not well. My sincere thanks go out to those who have offered their prayers and good wishes, as well as to the staff, nurses, and physicians at Roger's House. With my time and energies focused solely on Geordi's care this summer, preparations for our annual Giggle Gala were abruptly halted. Please rest assured that this fundraiser will return next year.

On a more positive note, I can tell you that the Foundation has had a very busy year. We have assisted four families with the

purchase of their modified vans, and we have approved the financial aid requests for two other children. We hosted two fundraising events, and our ongoing efforts to help special-needs families were recognized by two local businesses.

As the Foundation continues to grow, so too has our newsletter. *Speaker's Corner* will highlight individuals who are intimately involved with the special-needs child and their family, while *Q&A* is your opportunity to pose a question to me or the directors.

As this is the last newsletter for this year, I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season. See you in 2011.

- Amanda George

2ND REALLY BIG BOOK SALE

This year we were very fortunate to have a indoor venue for our 2nd Really Big Book Sale. Although June 5th stayed cloudy and a bit rainy, we were comfortably situated in the gym at Lester B. Pearson High School. This year's sale offered a vast array of quality new and used books and CD's, all at amazing prices (nothing over \$4!).

It was a busy fundraising weekend for many organizations, and so combined with the poor weather, the turnout for our sale was less than expected. In spite of this, we successfully raised \$700 to help purchase wheelchair accessible vans for children in our community.

A special thank you is extended to our many volunteers for their tireless efforts in setting up the gym, assisting our shoppers, and helping with the clean-up after.

Thanks are also extended to Godfrey and the gang at Hertz Car and Truck Rental for their continued support and assistance.



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AMANDA CONT'D



Amanda's new van

With her newly converted vehicle, Amanda can now travel to her medical appointments safely and comfortably, and spend time with her family on community outings.

In addition to Amanda's family, the Foundation is very pleased to have assisted three other children this year. Please check out future newsletters for their stories.

COMMUNITY CONT'D

Ms. Kathleen Ladelpha, Proprietor of Paparazzi Original Couture, hosted an intimate and informative evening, complete with a wide array of raffle items, and a runway show highlighting Paparazzi's Spring Collection. Guest speakers were on hand from the Facial Surgery & Cosmetic Centre, as well as, RBC Dominion Securities. The directors would like to express their gratitude to Ms. Ladelpha for raising close to \$400 that evening.

Q & A

Question: What type of modifications will help make a vehicle wheelchair accessible?

Answer: There are many modifications a vehicle can undergo to become wheelchair accessible.

These include the installation of: a side or rear entry ramp; an electronic or manual tie-down system to secure the wheelchair; a seatbelt to secure the child; and, a non-skid flooring surface. Other changes include lowering the floor or raising the roof; remounting the spare tire, adjusting the vehicle's suspension; modifying the rear heating/air conditioning system; and relocating the rear passenger seats.

Our thanks to Sean Komoto from Conval-Aid Health Care Specialists for his assistance with answering this question.

Help Wanted

Volunteers are an integral part of the Foundation's identity. Our Board is volunteer-led, and we rely on the assistance of others for the successful running of our fundraising events (See our *Thanks to You!* section). If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please send an email to Ann Parizeau, vol.obovf@gmail.com.

HAVE IT YOUR WAY

Should you wish to receive our newsletter and other event information electronically, let us know at info@oneboyyonevan.ca.

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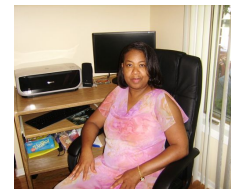
...we now have merchandise?

Our **'Twoonie Totes'** made their first appearance at our Spring Book Sale, and were an instant success. Their generous size and 14" reinforced handles make them a welcome addition to your shopping experience!

Please visit our website for more details on ordering a totebag.

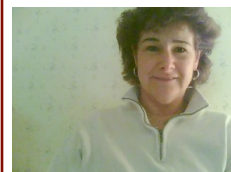
Thanks to You!

CHARMAINE FRASER



It is a pleasure to volunteer for a foundation that identified and responded to a need in the community, putting words into action to make a difference in the lives of physically challenged children and their families.

MOYRA MCWILLIAM



Volunteering with such a grassroots organization where the power and passion of people come together is very inspiring.

SPEAKER'S CORNER - MAKING SENSE OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

As one of two Family Resource Workers at the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, we can assist our clients by providing information and insight on the application process to varied funding sources and charities -- more specifically, when families are seeking financial assistance to purchase and adapt a van for children diagnosed with a physical disability.

Many foundations are income based and the funding allowance is dictated by this factor, as well as, proof of diagnosis. Family demographics and circumstance are also contributing factors to any submission. Certain foundations provide financial assistance towards the purchase of a van, while others provide financial assistance towards the modification features. As resource workers we can facilitate the process with our families by helping them compile the needed documentation that certain applications require to determine their eligibility for financial assistance. It is not uncommon for a family to seek funding from multiple funding sources in order to cover the total expense of both a van purchase and van modification.

This process can at times be lengthy and trying, but can also provide a successful outcome. Supporting the families and at times providing additional documentation to funding sources, is a key part of our role in funding acquisition.

As long as there are funding sources and individuals that financially contribute to numerous charities, there will be hope for families who are struggling financially to provide needed resources for their loved ones.

Letty Salabor is a Family Resource Worker at the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre.



3RD ANNUAL GIGGLE GALA



Despite the economic and health scares which clung to the season, our 3rd Annual Giggle Gala held at the Chimo Hotel on Nov 6th, 2009 was an amazing success, welcoming more

attendees than the previous year, and raising close to \$8000 for special-needs children in the Ottawa region. Silent auction items were again plentiful thanks to the generous donations of local businesses and artisans. We truly had something for everyone!

Rick Currie of Great North Talent, arranged a fabulously funny show for our guests. Many thanks to Lamar Williams, Pierre Brault, Kevin Gasior, Michael Lifshitz, and Jason Harper for sharing their comedic talents. A special thanks are also extended to

our guest M.C. Adoni, who along with Kevin, helped announce our silent auction winners.

The Gala featured our first-ever raffle. We are extremely grateful to *WestJet Airlines* for their generous donation of the "Gift of Flight" raffle prize. This prize consisted of two airline tickets to any WestJet destination.

Congratulations go out to Lise Hopkins. Lise was our big winner, who whisked her husband away to Las Vegas. Hope you had a great time, guys!

MISSION STATEMENT



One Boy One Van Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for physically challenged children and their families in Eastern Ontario. The foundation provides funds to low-income families who need help purchasing a modified vehicle to transport their child. By helping one child attain unrestricted mobility, we can make a difference in the lives of many.