



TOGETHER WE CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
ON THE ROAD TO A MILLION

On behalf of my family I want to congratulate you all for making the 14<sup>th</sup> annual RACH 3-Pitch tournament the most successful yet since it began in 2004.

Collectively in 2017 we have raised \$100,501.72. As per Aaron's wishes the RACH fund donated \$43,711.67 to West Parry Sound Health Center for Cancer Care. A new colonoscope was purchased for early cancer detection. Continuing with Rachel's wishes \$52,578.25 was donated to Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation for the ongoing research of Dr. Jonathon Irish. Ron Orr on behalf of M&M meats, Linda Kingsland, Horseshoe Pines Marina, and Ted and Stella McEwen donated all items for the concession stand with the request that proceeds be donated to Georgia Higgins trust fund. \$4,211.80 was donated to that trust fund.

Once again all local businesses and numerous individuals stepped up to the plate donating financially or to the silent auction. Many businesses also donated their services over the weekend. We can't thank you enough for your generosity.

To my amazing committee members, family, extended family, wonderful friends, and volunteers who work tirelessly before and during the weekend thank you for ensuring that this continues to be a well run tournament. To the countless other volunteers who set up, served up, cooked up, baked up, and took down; our deepest appreciation for all you do. We could not do it without you. 32 teams participated and many team players secured pledges, which made this fundraiser a huge success.

This was an extremely hard year for us losing another cancer warrior. Aaron was an integral part of the RACH tournament and was sadly missed. Aaron chose to work as a member of the West Parry Sound Health Center and it was with great honor that we were able to help him continue to impact patient care here in Parry Sound.

We will always have cancer warriors in our midst until we beat cancer once and for all. Until then, we will continue in our efforts to turn the tide in favor of those still fighting this disease. Your donations continue to provide hope to those who need it most.

Our champions this year in each division were the Ritchie Insurance All Stars, and the Young Bucks. I must tell you when we began this tournament the Young Bucks were little kids. Thanks for being the next generation lads and lasses.

According to our Mission statement "We stand as a light with all who are burdened with cancer. We believe cancer will be beaten. We as RACH are endeavoring through fundraising to be one of the last collective pieces in solving the puzzle of curing patients with this illness. We will provide funds to be used as a tool to cultivate research and to provide care to get this job done. We cannot do it with out you. Cancer Can Be Beaten!"

Please support all of our local businesses that sponsored the tournament. They can be found on our website [www.rachfund.com](http://www.rachfund.com).

Thank you for sharing and believing in our vision and committing yourself to the fight against cancer. Looking forward to seeing you June 22, 23, 2018 when we cross home plate achieving a MILLION DOLLARS RAISED FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND CANCER CARE!

Sincerely

Joanne Higgins and Tom Higgins