

Side guards budgeted for Paradise fleet

Due to the tireless efforts of a Portugal Cove-St. Philips' woman who lost her daughter in a freak accident, the Town of Paradise has announced they will be installing side guards on all of the town's snow removal equipment.

At the May 5th public town council meeting, Deputy Mayor Deborah Quilty said the Town of Paradise would be allocating funds in their upcoming budget for the installation of the side guards in response to Jeanette Holman-Price's 'Jessica Campaign' which Paradise gave public support for, last year.

The Jessica Campaign was initiated by Holman-Price, it was her daughter that was killed in 2004 by an operating snow removal truck in Montreal. Jessica lost her life while saving the life of her younger brother as they stood on a street corner while a snow removal truck drove past.

Since 2004, Holman-Price has been lobbying to get side guards installed on all city snow removal trucks across the country in an attempt to save other lives and to honour her daughter's memory.

At the most recent city council meeting in St. John's, the council there agreed unanimously to install the side guards as well.



30 HOUR FAMINE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH-----Students of Queen Elizabeth Regional High School raised \$3,200 for Oxfam Canada's Hungry4change Program. The annual 30-Hour Famine was held at Queen Elizabeth on May 1st, 2009. The efforts of the school community and community at large will help families and communities. In the photo; Bill Hynd of Oxfam Canada receives a cheque from the students. Special thanks go out to Mr. Gerard Duff, teacher sponsor, for the event.



VILLANOVA RAISES NEARLY \$13,000 TO CANCER RESEARCH----Ms Heather Strong of the Terry Fox Foundation accepts a \$6,092.19 cheque from students Mackenzie Giles, Julia Quigley, and Celina Butler. Teacher Susan Mosher and assistant Principal Carolyn Tilley also participated in the presentation. The school also raised \$6,888.66 during the Shave for the Brave Campaign in which 43 students and one teacher took part. All total, the school raised and donated \$12,980.85 to the Cancer Foundation.



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS-----Grade 12 student Monica Collins and Grade nine student Kandice Power of Holy Spirit High School in Manuels were both recognized for their involvement with their respective communities. Collins who is heavily involved with her school, received CBS Youth Volunteer of the year. Power was also chosen recently as Paradise's Youth Volunteer of the Year. School Principal Scott Crocker says, "Both these young ladies are glowing examples of the very best in today's youth. They serve as positive role models in their school and community, and environmental efforts."

Villanova Junior High donates nearly \$13,000 to cancer research

In two separate events at Villanova Junior High in Manuels, CBS, students and staff raised and donated \$12,980.85 for Cancer research during the 2008-2009 school year.

In September, students and staff were asked to participate in the Terry Fox Walk and were challenged to 'try to beat last year's total of \$4,000.' That figure was four times the previous year's total. "They really took the challenge," says Villanova Principal Barry Jenkins.

At the conclusion of the Terry Fox Walk, the tally was taken and pledges equaled \$6,092.19. Ms Heather Strong of the Terry Fox Foundation was presented with the cheque by a group of students at the school who took part in the special walk.

Six months later the students rose to the challenge once again and took part in the 2009 Shave for the Brave Campaign. In last year's challenge grade six student, Zach Gaudet initiated the first time event at the school in which 20 students raised \$2,600 for the campaign. This year, Zach's grade six teacher, Mrs. Darlene Moulton, who helped organize last year's Shave, invited students to take part once again. Forty-two students and one teacher took up the challenge. At the end of the campaign, students, teachers, family members and friends raised and donated \$6,888.66 to the Young Adult Cancer Foundation.

"Students and staff are eager to help and give to many worthy causes, the Terry Fox Run and the Shave for the Brave are just two of the many activities and events they participate in to help communities and beyond," says Jenkins.



LOCAL GROUP DONATES TO DAFFODIL PLACE----- Audrey Mercer and Pat Best of the Father of Confederation Chapter of IODE in Conception Bay South recently donated 14 sets of sheets to Daffodil Place. They made the presentation to the Director of the Canadian Cancer Society Peter Dawe and his assistant Rachel Little. Seen here in this photo L-R (Rachel Little, Audrey Mercer, Pat Best and Peter Dawe.)