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Happy
ST. PATRICK'S
Day! 

**A COLOMBIAN ADVENTURE
WITH PAMELA GOOSSENS
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DONT FORGET!
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019, 2:00:00 AM
CLOCKS ARE TURNED FORWARD 1 HOUR
TO SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019, 3:00:00
AM LOCAL DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD. 



The fifth annual Port Stanley Polar Bear Dip took place Saturday, March 2, to help support children and families dealing with cancer - Photo credits to Angela Speller Photography



 

A WALK IN HER SHOES
Stories of Resiliency

**March 21, 2019 | Doors Open 6:00pm
Program 6:30pm**

Princess Avenue Playhouse
40 Princess Ave.
St. Thomas

\$25

BRAVING THE ELEMENTS FOR BRAVE KIDS

By Elgin Life Staff

It has become a highly-anticipated annual tradition – and it's all for a fantastic cause.

On Saturday, March 2, more than 150 people took part in the fifth annual Port Stanley Polar Bear Dip, braving the icy waters in support of brave children and families dealing with cancer. The event, hosted by Childcan and supported by the Port Stanley Firefighters Association, raised more than \$46,000.

Starting at the Masonic Centre of Elgin at 10am, in St. Thomas, 'dippers' registered and were then bussed to Little Beach in Port Stanley for the frigid festivities at 11am. If participants weren't awake by then, their dip in Lake Erie certainly woke them up (to ensure safety during the fun event, Central Elgin Fire Rescue Services was on hand – and much warmer than the dippers). Participants returned to the Masonic Centre afterwards for lunch and awards.

Childcan, a registered charity located in London, provides programs and services that help families and children in their journey through childhood cancer. That includes offering families emotional, social and financial support – through support groups, individual financial assistance, post-secondary bursaries, family fun days, and even meal vouchers and parking passes.

In attendance on Saturday was the Wedlake family, who attend the event every year. They are one of the numerous families who have received support from Childcan. River Wedlake, Julie and Jason's son, was born with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

Throughout River's treatment in hospital, which began when he was just 11 days old and rushed to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Childcan was there for the family, providing support during the extremely stressful and emotionally-draining time in their lives.

"Childcan was a welcoming face for five months of hospital treatment that made us feel as though we were not alone," Julie said

recently, reflecting on that time. "Their support helped us focus on River's recovery instead of the financial and emotional stress."

Today, River is doing well. He's been in remission for more than three years, and he'll be starting school next fall – as an active and healthy child.

"Thanks to Childcan, families of other patients (the 'Childcan family'), and the hospital staff, not only did we beat childhood cancer, we came out stronger together afterwards," Julie said.

It's no wonder so many people are eager to support Childcan and the work that the organization does with families touched by childhood cancer. And there certainly was no shortage of supporters through the fifth annual Port Stanley Polar Bear Dip.

Some impressive fundraising was done leading up to the event. Among registered teams, 'Freezin for a Reason – Mad for Mad-die' led the way, with its 19 members combining to raise nearly \$11,000, an astounding feat. But they weren't the only big-time supporters. 'ICE ICE BABIES (Ice is back with a brand new invention)' not only had arguably the best team name, but they also raised more than \$6,000. Meanwhile, 'Quintons Little Fighters' brought in over \$5,000.

On an individual level, Adam Brock raised more than \$3,200 himself, while Nicole Gundrysurpassed the \$2,600 mark and Marie Mar-entette brought in over \$2,000 in donations.

In other words, this year's Polar Bear Dip was a major success.

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The fifth annual Port Stanley Polar Bear Dip took place Saturday, March 2, as more than 150 participants took the icy plunge to help support children and families dealing with cancer - Submitted by Childcan & Nicolle Stevenson

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