

Family fun event has serious side

Sam's Day raises funds for kids' cancer research

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A local family is holding an annual fundraiser tomorrow (Saturday).

The Lacks are staging the third annual family fun event that aims to raise money for kids' cancer research.

Known as Sam's Day, the event will take place tomorrow at Brant Hills Community Centre, 2255 Brant St., from 1-4:30 p.m.

This year's event has a circus theme with magic, dancing, singing, birds of prey, a reptile touch table, face painting, a woodworking workshop, arts and crafts, temporary tattoos, face painting and balloon creations.

The event was established as an annual birthday and remission anniversary celebration for Andrea and Jay Lack's youngest son, Sam, who has battled neuroblastoma, a rare but deadly childhood cancer.

SILENT AUCTION INCLUDES 150 ITEMS

The intent is also to raise money for The James Fund, which supports research into new therapies for the treatment of neuroblastoma.

Last year, the community fun day raised more than \$27,000 for The James Fund, a pediatric cancer research fund within the SickKids Foundation in Toronto. This year's goal is to raise more than \$30,000 for The James Fund to further the work of the Sam Lack Drug Discovery Research Project.

Sam's Day 2007 also includes a silent auction of more than 150 items.

There will also be draws for four greens fees at ClubLink's Emerald Hills course and a stainless steel Kenmore barbecue. Draw tickets cost \$2 each or three for \$5.

A barbecue lunch prepared by Burlington Mayor Cam Jackson and local restaurateur Murray Lloyd is included in the pay one-price Sam's Day admission (\$25 family pass/\$10 per adult).

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 p.m. at Brant Hills Community Centre.

For more information on Sam's Day, to purchase a ticket or to make a donation, visit www.samsday.org or e-mail info@samsday.org.

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