

Cake Auction Raises over \$1,200 for Sacha's Park

Over \$1,200 was raised for Sacha's Park by the Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society and the the Holstein Club of Prescott County from a fundraising cake sale. Ten cakes were prepared and decorated by the gentlemen of both organizations. Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society President Bev Newton's cake fetched over \$220.00 and all the cakes auctioned raised over \$100.00 each. All who attend had a lot of fun at the event with lots of music, dancing and laughing at the antics of the auctioneer and of course, the cakes! The Agricultural Society is always looking for volunteers close to fair time so if you are interested, please call Bev Newton at [613-632-3470](tel:613-632-3470) and also check them out of Facebook and Twitter @VKHAGFair and their website vankleekhillfair.ca. This is a real family affair and generations have been involved with the planning of the Vankleek Hill Fair.

PHOTO: (courtesy of Sacha's Park)

Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society representatives recently presented a cheque to Sacha's Park. From L-R : Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society President Bev Newton, Sacha's Park Organizer Jacquelyn Chenier, and Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society Director Marlene MacKinnon.

About Sacha's Park:

A playground, to be known as Sacha's Park, is being proposed for the new Place La Seigneurie development in L'Original. The playground, once built, will be different than a typical playground in that it will be universally accessible allowing children of all abilities to fully enjoy the park and its equipment. The goal for Sacha's Park is to create a playground that is inclusive and where the equipment works for everyone, including children with disabilities. A playground where EVERYONE can play. The Chenier family have purchased property for the park to be built on and are working with the Township of Champlain, who are supportive of the project, to secure funding for the equipment, which will cost several hundred thousand dollars.

About Sacha Chenier:

Sacha Chenier was an 11-year old boy who lived in L'Original, Ontario. He was severely affected by cerebral palsy and required the use of a wheelchair for most of his life. He was also born blind, epileptic, and with severe cognitive delays. Sacha required assistance for his daily care, as he was unable to do the most basic of tasks without help. He was lovingly cared for at home where he lived with his parents Jason and Jacquelyn and his older brother Sebastien. Despite his many challenges, Sacha was a happy little boy who loved to be around other children. He attended school in Hawkesbury at École Paul VI where he was loved by his many friends. Sacha always had a smile on his face and his infectious laughter could brighten up a room. Sacha passed away suddenly on June 9th 2014 due to epilepsy related complications.

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