

# It's About Ability!

Winter 2017

## Meet Tihuk!

Children's Rehabilitation Foundation  
2017 Child Ambassador

Six-year-old Tihuk loves to explore. He is always eager to meet new people, try new things and discover new places.

The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation (CRF) gave Tihuk his first adaptive bike, allowing his adventurous spirit to grow.

"We looked all over for a bike he could use, but there were none sold in stores that worked for him. We didn't think he was going to have one until we got funding from the foundation," says Tihuk's mom, Sumi.



"The bike is a great way for him to socialize and be included in the walks at his daycare. He rings his bell for passersby and races his classmates. They even give him speeding tickets for riding too fast."

As the 2017 Child Ambassador for CRF, Tihuk will spend the next year representing the countless children and youth who benefit from the equipment, leisure programs and services funded by CRF.

"We are so honoured to see Tihuk as the Child Ambassador for 2017," says Sumi. "The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation has changed our life and we couldn't be happier to help bring awareness to the foundation."

## Winnipeg Jets Holiday Visit

The Winnipeg Jets made their annual holiday visit to Children's Rehabilitation Foundation to chat with families and hand out gifts to children.



# Upcoming Events

## MICHAEL GERL'S CANPLAY HOCKEY CLASSIC JANUARY 29, 2017

A one-day tournament featuring elite players from the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League. Contact Michael Gerl at [mgerlmedia@gmail.com](mailto:mgerlmedia@gmail.com) to purchase your tickets.

5:30 pm, MTS Iceplex, 3969 Portage Ave.

## RIDE FOR CHILDREN'S REHAB FOUNDATION FEBRUARY 9-12, 2017

Enns Brothers presents Ride for Children's Rehabilitation Foundation: A two-day adventure for passionate snowmobilers. Participants are asked to collect a minimum of \$300 for this pledge-driven event.

South Beach Casino & Resort, Scantbury, MB

## MID-CANADA BOAT SHOW MARCH 2-5, 2017

CRF will be at the boat show selling WestJet raffle tickets for \$5. The winner of the raffle will receive two tickets anywhere WestJet flies. Draw will take place March 6th at SSCY.

RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Ave.

**For more info on our upcoming events visit [www.crf.mb.ca](http://www.crf.mb.ca)**

## Clean-Shaven for CRF

Neil Foyle has worked at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC) for 30 years; his beard has been around just as long.

In early December, Neil agreed to a challenge: if \$10,000 was raised for CRF, he would shave off his beard.

With the incredible support of RCC staff, along with the community, the goal was reached in less than a month.

*If you are interested in hosting your own fundraiser for CRF please contact Adell Gauthier at (204) 258-6702 or [adell@crf.mb.ca](mailto:adell@crf.mb.ca)*



A before and after shot of Neil Foyle for his beard shaving fundraiser in support of CRF.

Thank you to Arlene and Deb from Tommy Gun's Original Barbershop for the straight razor shave.

## Michael's Special Sledge

The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation recently received a very special phone call from a family wanting to connect with a children's charity to honour their late sister and daughter, Jacqueline.

When they found CRF, they knew it was the perfect match. Jacqueline loved working with children, she was an adored aunt and a devoted volunteer to many organizations.

Just a few days later, a thoughtful handwritten letter arrived in the mail from a young man named Michael. Michael told us he had just tried sledge hockey for the first time and he loved playing so much that he wanted a sledge of his own.

The cost of funding Michael's sledge was virtually the same amount of money the family was hoping to raise.

With the timing of the letter, the cost of the sledge and Jacqueline's story—it was meant to be.

"Jacqueline will be riding right along with you" her family told Michael when they presented him with his brand new sledge. Thank you to the generosity of Jacqueline's brother Christian, his family and his coworkers for allowing us to give Michael his new sledge.



Jacqueline's father Larry and brother Christian, along with Michael and his mother Sandra, after receiving his new sledge.

**Thoughtful Thank you**

“ Thank you so much for providing funding for an iPad. A personal iPad means that the communication program can now be used at home, with family and out in the community. Your organization has helped give a voice to a wonderful and deserving student. ”

-Michelle B, Teacher



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