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Cops for Kids helps local family



A \$5000 donation was made to the family of Kaydee Jensen. In the photo (l to r): Sgt. Troy Durand, Ellen Jensen, Janice Tisdale and Kaydee's cousin Dane Pitman (front).

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Recently, the Golden RCMP, on behalf of the Cops for Kids program, donated \$5000 to a local child.

On February 1, Sgt. Troy Durand presented the cheque to family members of Kaydee Jensen, who is 18 months old and is currently undergoing treatment of a brain tumour. Kaydee's family says that the funds will go toward her medical expenses in Calgary where she is being treated.

"It's a blessing," says Kaydee's aunt, Ellen Jensen, adding, "And they can sure use it."

Gail Harrison, President of the Cops for Kids charitable foundation explains that Kaydee was chosen to receive the funding based on an application process.

"When selecting recipients, our focus is children in crisis," says Harrison, adding, "When we saw Kaydee's application we knew that this was a family we wanted to help. Her family's application met the criteria for everything that we want to do."

Harrison explains that Cops for Kids recognizes that medical expenses can quickly add up.

"And she has a long journey ahead of her. If we can lighten that load that is what we want. Our focus is on supporting Kaydee."

Harrison says that Cops for Kids is a charity that works 12 months a year.

"We are always looking for sponsors in various communities. Money that is raised in each community, typically goes back into that community. By helping children like Kaydee, we are able to let people know that we are there to give a helping hand."

According to their website, Cops for Kids are dedicated RCMP members and support people of the RCMP South East District that are committed to assisting children that are in medical, physical or traumatic crisis within the Southern Interior Region of British Columbia.

“Our charitable foundation was formed in 2001 and since inception we have tirelessly worked to raise funds to continue our ongoing support to the children in communities that we serve. Cops for Kids are devoted to helping the little hearts...in our communities!”

Visit the website at www.copsforkids.org for more information.