



PHIL CARPENTER THE GAZETTE

Heidi Jones plays with a volleyball during a break in the third annual volleyball tournament sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers in aid of the Children's Wish Foundation. Teams from different companies, including Ericsson and Alcan, took part in the event at Vanier College gym.

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# Bump, set, spike for kids

### VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER MAY 24

PricewaterhouseCoopers event raises \$2,945 for Children's Wish

ANNE SUTHERLAND  
THE GAZETTE

for children's charities.

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Thirteen teams from the business sector got together on May 24 for a little co-ed volleyball fun to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation.

Sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers, the event at Vanier College gym raised \$2,945 from registration fees as well as corporate and personal donations.

Participating companies included Deloitte & Touche, Alcan, Ericsson, Rexel North America, East Side Mario's and DiFlavio Zorbas Chartered Accountants.

This is the third year of this tournament. Overall, the event has raised \$5,000

Christophe Robichaud is an energetic fifth grader at St. Lambert Elementary School who likes to skateboard and snowboard. In February of this year, he was diagnosed with leukemia and since then has been undergoing chemotherapy and other treatment at the Montreal Children's Hospital to combat this virulent form of cancer.

Classmates have banded together to help raise money for a Christophe Robichaud Fund his parents have set up at the Children's Hospital to help other children.

The students organized a Looney Tooney Dance where the entire school

body, including teachers and parents, joined hands and went out and circled the entire city block where the school is located, raising \$1,150 by soliciting pocket change from the participants.

Other events to raise money for the fund came from popsicle sales at recess and a garage sale held Friday.

Young Christopher was well enough to attend the hand-holding walk around the block and later attended a class to explain all of his treatments and procedures to his classmates.

Christophe is undergoing chemotherapy while he waits for a bone marrow transplant.

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Students from St. Ed-

mund Elementary School in Beaconsfield jumped rope for two days in May and raised an astonishing \$18,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The students, organized by gym teacher Patty Carroll, took turns skipping or turning the ropes in the playground outside the school.

The 360 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 solicited pledges from friends and family to raise the money.

This Jump Rope for Heart initiative is done Canada-wide and organized by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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The 825 students of Gardenview Elementary School in St. Laurent held

a jog-a-thon on May 23 to raise money for a badly needed facelift to their playground.

The children got pledges from their parents and friends and jogged a 2-kilometre route around the school. Police helped by blocking off the intersections to motorized traffic.

The event raised \$29,438.46, to be used to fix the school fence, install basketball hoops and modernize the playground.

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