

October 2014 News!

Dear Friends of the Child Witness Centre,

Over the past few months many of you have supported us and we have kept you up-to-date on the Oak Tree Project - our chance at winning \$5,000!

The Oak Tree Finale on October 8th was a fun and energizing event where all charities came out BIG winners. With the combination of nominations and votes on the night of, the Child Witness Centre won the \$1,000 People's Choice Award. In addition, any money donated that night was also matched by the Corinne Beingessner Fund through the Guelph Community Foundation. It doesn't stop there though. The impact of the night was so overwhelming that the Mactaggart Team reached out to the community the next day for additional funds and plan to donate an additional \$2,000 to each of the four runner-up charities. In total, the Child Witness Centre won \$3,510!!!!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who nominated us, wrote about the impact we have in the community, why we would should win and those who supported us the night of. It was great to hear about all the other amazing charities in Guelph and Wellington County too. We are especially grateful to the Mactaggart Team and their sponsors for their extraordinary efforts and commitment to the Oak Tree Project.



Laura Muirhead with Will Mactaggart and Mike Hryn



Staff of the Child Witness Centre at the Finale!

#### COMMUNITY REPORT 2013-14

With the support of many of you, we were able to reduce worry, anxiety and fear for 519 children, youth and their families going through the court process. To read more about our impact, view our [Community Report 2013-14](http://www.childwitness.com) online at [www.childwitness.com](http://www.childwitness.com). A complete list of all our supporters is also included on our website.

If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact us at (519) 744-0904 or email [admin@childwitness.com](mailto:admin@childwitness.com) and we'd be happy to send a copy to you.



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**PANCAKE LUNCH - Tuesday February 17, 2015**

Our 17th Annual Pancake Lunch will take place on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at Waterloo Inn. For \$20 you can enjoy a buffet lunch of pancakes with pure maple syrup, bacon, sausages, ham, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and more. More details to follow on registering and booking a table on-line this year.

**ON-LINE AUCTION (OLA) - February 12 - February 24, 2015**

Due to the success of last year's auction, we are pleased to announce that we will be running another OLA from Thursday February 12 to Tuesday February 24th. More details to follow. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Linda at [linda.mark@childwitness.com](mailto:linda.mark@childwitness.com).

**YOUTH SYMPOSIUM - April 14 and 15, 2015**

For those who volunteer, the dates are set for Tuesday April 14 in Guelph and Wednesday April 15 in Kitchener for our Annual Youth Symposium. Notices will go out to teachers early in 2015.

Updated information on all our events can be found on our [website](#).

**IMPACT STORY**

Watch our [new video](#) where a mother speaks candidly about her daughter's sexual assault and the positive impact of working with the Child Witness Centre through the justice system.

Special thanks to the Kitchener Grand River Rotary Club for funding this project and to the Centre for Community Knowledge for providing the education and training to create this video.

Thank you for being a friend of the Child Witness Centre and supporting the children and youth we serve.

Laura Muirhead,

**Connect with us on FACEBOOK or use our WEBSITE to keep up-to-date and informed.**

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