



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC AND LAMBTON KENT SCHOOL BOARDS TO SHARE \$60,000 FROM NOELLE'S GIFT

The St. Clair Catholic and Lambton Kent district school boards were presented with \$60,000 from the *Noelle's Gift* charitable fund. The money will be shared among the two school boards, to support students who are in need. Funds will be used to purchase eyeglasses, clothing, food, medicine – anything that will help children and families in crisis.

The *Noelle's Gift* charitable fund was established in memory of Noelle Paquette, a former Kindergarten teacher with St. Clair Catholic, who passed away last January.

“The Paquette family has chosen a very special and meaningful way to honour Noelle’s memory,” says Jim McKenzie, Associate Director of Education for St. Clair Catholic. “Those who knew and worked with Noelle have spoken of her kindness, her generosity and her tenderness towards children, especially those who were in need. It is fitting that this charity in her name reaches out to those same children.”

“I want to say a very special ‘thank you’ to the Paquette family,” says Jim Costello, Director of Education for the Lambton Kent District School Board. “We are honoured to accept this donation in memory of Noelle, and to use these funds to support students and families who are in need from Grand Bend to Wheatley.”

The funds from *Noelle's Gift* will be dispersed independently through the two school boards. Principals will make application whenever a child is in need. Requests for funds are processed quickly, to get help to families as soon as possible.

Light Up the Night for Noelle, Sarnia’s first-ever night time run, will take place in Canatara Park on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Proceeds will go to *Noelle's Gift*.

Pictured in the photo above are (L-R) Jim McKenzie, Associate Director of Education, St. Clair Catholic DSB; Sue Serratore, Jackie Major-Daamen and Lynn Paquette of the Noelle's Gift Charitable Fund; and Jim Costello, Director of Education, Lambton Kent District School Board.