



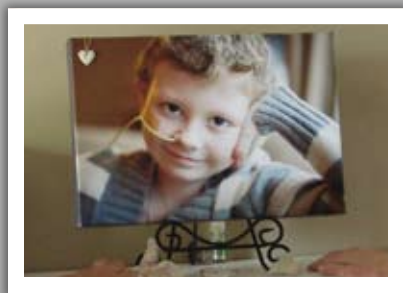
25TH ANNIVERSARY  
1986-2011



# CELEBRATE

## *The Gift of Life*

### DFF Family gives back



The family of Cassidy Briggs gives back.

### WHAT'S INSIDE

- DFF family gives back ..... 1
- Message from the CEO ..... 2
- Message from David Foster..... 3
- Phoenix's story..... 4
- TELUS donates to the foundation 5
- Meet one of the social workers 6
- Official pace car ..... 6
- Q and A with Mel Cooper ..... 7
- Doctor's corner ..... 8
- New Director of Family Relations & Communications..... 9
- David Foster & friends fundraising gala ..... 10
- Transplant touchdown..... 11
- Upcoming events ..... 12
- Donation form ..... 12

She was a little girl who made an impression. So many people who met her never forgot her. Like the customs officer she saw often because of her frequent trips back and forth to the United States. Like the many teachers and classmates she affected with her love of crafts. Like her brothers, who constantly watched over her as she went from field to pond looking for her “creatures.” Cassidy Briggs was an extraordinary little girl with a medically extraordinary life and in her passing, she left behind an extraordinary legacy.

Cassidy Briggs was nine years old when she passed away on January 11, 2010 after a battle with hepatocellular carcinoma, a very rare paediatric tumor. She had been listed for liver transplant in the belief that it would be a cure for the disease. Cassidy died before the transplant could occur.

Cassidy Briggs’ parents Wayne and Tracey, who live in Cloverdale, BC, made the decision to honour their daughter’s generosity of spirit with a gift of \$20,000 to the David Foster Foundation in May 2010. They wanted people to know what kind of little girl Cassidy was.

“If she wanted to know something or if somebody had a question, she would look it up or Google it,” recalled Cassidy’s mom, Tracey. “From the time she was little she would be reading books above her level... and she had certain interests, she was interested in Egypt. She loved to learn and she loved snakes and bugs and reptiles.”

Follow us on:



Wayne and Tracey Briggs with a photo of their daughter Cassidy who passed away in January of 2010.

*continued from page 1*

Cassidy's interest in animals included a desire to become a vet when she grew up. Cassidy's dad Wayne fondly remembers times when his little girl was surrounded by animals.

"We have a picture of her with a prairie dog or ground squirrel up in Manning Park. She's actually petting him!" he said. "In California we have a picture of her with the penguins, it comes to the glass and she's touching them through the glass. Then there's a lion rolling around and she's right there."

Cassidy's school, George Greenaway in Cloverdale, has dedicated a section of its website to her and to a campaign she began before she died. When Cassidy was at children's

hospital in Vancouver, she noticed that kids did not have much to do between medical appointments. So she started a campaign to gather craft supplies to keep kids busy while they were in hospital. The site invites donations to help keep Cassidy's craft campaign dream alive.

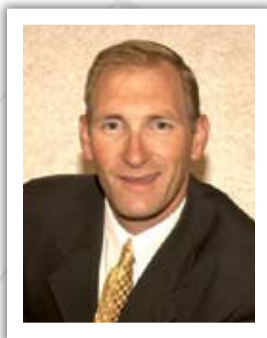
The Briggs family's decision to give was a simple one. "DFF was really good to us," Dad Wayne said. "It was so easy for us to have them help and it took so much off our minds to have to worry about hotels and planes and everything. Because we had raised the money and put it in a trust fund we said we'd donate it back to children's charity and we thought we should give money back."

Mike Ravenhill, CEO of the David Foster Foundation, said the foundation was overwhelmed by the actions of the Briggs Family.

"We could not be more inspired by Cassidy's story and the family's decision to make this wonderful donation to help other families in similar circumstances," he said. "We are so grateful to Wayne and Tracey for their generosity of spirit. We know Cassidy is smiling down on them and us for the work that will continue in her name."

To find out more about this story, & to see how mom Tracey commemorated Cassidy's spirit in living art, visit our DFF facebook site, [www.facebook.com/davidfosterfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/davidfosterfoundation) and look under photos "tats for transplant".

## Message from the CEO



It's hard to believe that our foundation has been assisting families of children needing major organ transplants for 25 years! It seems like yesterday that we were sitting at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria BC watching David and 30 of his celebrity friends play in a charity softball game in support of his

new foundation. I don't think that David or his mother Eleanor could have imagined that answering a simple telephone call back in 1986 would have been the start of a foundation to help change the lives of so many families.

Over this past year I have been involved in a focus group with the Canadian Blood Services as the lead organization mandated by the Prime Minister of Canada to give their

recommendation on designing a national organ and tissue registry to improve the performance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation (OTDT) in Canada.

We feel CBS's efforts in designing a new system to improve organ and tissue donation will directly impact and benefit the families we support through reduction in wait times and subsequently lessen the financial impact each family feels during the transplant process. This new system will also allow our foundation to expand the numbers of families we serve because of the decreased financial burden. Increasing public awareness surrounding organ donor registration has been the foundation's mandate since its inception 25 years ago.

Did you know that over the past 25 years the David Foster foundation has helped over 600 families in Canada? I share this statistic with you to tell you how grateful we are to be working with such strong community leaders like TELUS

who are currently raising funds on Vancouver Island for our families. It is corporations like TELUS that exemplify what it means to be leaders in our community and give back to the communities that they are in. Without their financial support we would not be able to help these families.

Did you know that the David Foster Foundation is developing an education and awareness program in the United States? We are working with US companies to promote the importance of organ donor registration? We are grateful to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the INDY 500 and the Napa Valley Festival Del Sole for their help in increasing this awareness of the need to become a registered organ donor throughout the United States. For more information about these events check out our website at [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com)

We have come a long way since 1986, and we are thankful to the transplant teams for all they have done along the way to guide us, to our board who shows us support and leadership and to the man who leads us with his vision and drive, David Foster. This year, we celebrate 25 years of commitment to organ donor awareness and we ask you to join us in our commitment. Make the decision to become an organ donor, sign your card, register your intent, talk to your family. For life is not about the breaths that we take... but the moments that take our breath away...



Mike Ravenhill,  
Chief Executive Officer

## Message from David Foster



David Foster and his mother, Eleanor.

I can hardly believe that 25 years have flown by. I started this foundation in 1986 after a call from my mother to go visit a friend's sick child in the hospital and I'm

glad I did as my mother told me. It's been an amazing 25 years of helping families whose children have had organ transplants. One of the families we helped in the early days of the foundation was the Deringers. Dan Deringer and his son Keenan came to speak to our board of directors at one of our meetings. Keenan was a liver transplant patient who SURVIVED! Back in 1986 and '87 that was truly a miracle. In fact, looking at our records, 52% of the children of the families we were supporting didn't make it; they died before they could be helped. That's a tragedy but today, those numbers have improved immensely. Modern medicine has to be thanked for that. But what Dan and Keenan reminded me of was that it's family that gets us through.

I think back to the beginnings of the foundation and the help from my sisters and my mother. All of them at one point or another have been involved with the foundation. They have been there for me through great times and not so great times. It's what kept me grounded — that and being from a city like Victoria where volunteerism and giving are

the standard, where everybody has a generous heart and a helping hand.

In listening to Dan talk about the trials and tribulations of his son, trying to adjust to the fact that his son would have to take medicines for the rest of his life, I realized what important work our foundation does. It was an emotional speech for all of us around the table and made us grateful that our own children were all healthy and robust.

Through it all Dan stuck by his son Keenan and reminded us that DFF was there to help him at a time when his world was falling apart.

I am more committed than ever, now with my daughter Allison who is on the board of directors of the foundation, to supporting families like Dan and Keenan's because we want families to stay together. They form the bedrock of all our lives, and the foundation is geared to helping children and their families survive the devastating events that accompany a life-threatening illness.

You are part of that bedrock and we thank you, our donors, for being there to help families stay together with your generous donations. I am looking forward to the next 25 years and continuing to support children and their families.



David Foster

# Phoenix's Story

*Robin Borrowman is the mother of one and a half year old Phoenix. We asked Robin to share Phoenix's story with you. We hope you feel as inspired as we do.*

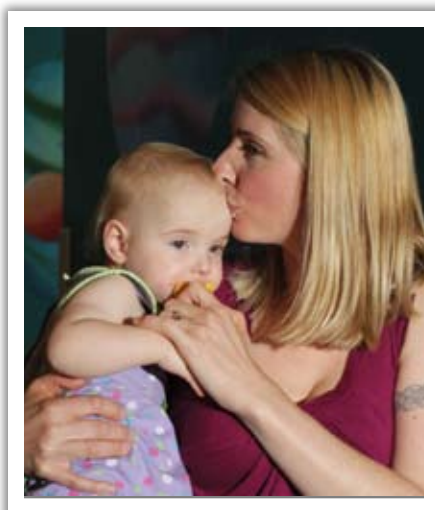
**S**o we would love to share Phoenix's story. We just celebrated her 1 year new heart anniversary. What a great milestone!

Phoenix was born April 8, 2009, a healthy 9 lbs 3 oz baby girl. She was bright and happy. On June 8th, when she was 8 weeks old, I took her into our local ER, suspecting an ear infection because she had been a little fussy for the past 24 hrs. The Perth ER triage nurse noticed she was taking shallow breaths, and scooped her up out of her infant seat and ran into ER with her.

While in ER, Phoenix's heart stopped. She was revived with epinephrine and then rushed via

*"On July 22nd, Phoenix's heart stopped for 11 minutes. The next morning she was placed on a Berlin Heart. She was the 17th case in Sickkids history to receive one."*

helicopter to CHEO (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario). She was in cardiac shock and had 8% ejection fraction, which is the fraction of blood pumped out by the heart. With an x-ray it was determined that she had dilated cardiomyopathy. (We now know it was caused by a unknown virus). We were told there was no surgery to change this, that 1/3 of cases recover with medications, 1/3 require a transplant and 1/3 die before they do either.



Robin Borrowman with one and a half year Phoenix.

Phoenix spent the next 2 weeks in the intensive care unit, on and off of breathing tubes and various meds. It was determined she needed to go to Toronto Sickkids to be listed for transplant.

On July 8th 2009, she was officially listed for transplant by the team at Sickkids. She remained in Cardiac Critical Care Unit, again going on and off of breathing tubes. We had to relocate to Toronto. This was a traumatic experience for all of us on top of the fact that our precious daughter was in the midst of the fight of her life.

Her brother, Isaiah, 9, was so distraught that he had constant nightmares. Her sister, Alliyah, 7, missed her baby and mommy so much that she became quiet and withdrawn.

On July 22nd, Phoenix's heart stopped for 11 min. The next morning she was placed on a Berlin Heart (an artificial heart). She was the 17th case in Sickkids history to receive one. She was the smallest of all the cases. On her



Phoenix Borrowman on her Berlin Heart.

Berlin heart, she was able to move out of CCCU for the first time since June 8th. She was able to see her siblings again which made her smile. She regained some muscle and mobility, and even started to take small amounts of formula from a bottle.

On Aug 14th, we received the call we were waiting for, and Phoenix was taken down to the operating room for a new heart. Thanks to the amazing research at Sickkids related to the fact that infants do not have the antibodies to attack a heart from a different blood group, Phoenix was able to receive a heart that was an incompatible blood type, thus shortening her life threatening wait. Within 2 weeks she went home from the hospital.

With the help of her loving siblings she quickly caught up to her milestones and took her first steps at 10 months old. She has had zero rejection of her new heart, is on minimum meds and has had little complication. Today, she is a big, healthy toddler that loves to talk, talk, talk, run, climb and explore.

We are so thankful to the amazing teams of doctors and nurses at CHEO and Sickkids. We are so grateful that the David Foster Foundation was there to help us stay together as a family during the most terrifying time of our lives.

*The David Foster Foundation is dedicated to helping families with non medical expenses during their child's life saving organ transplant.*



## TELUS donates to the Foundation

### TELUS donates \$100 to the David Foster Foundation for every new TELUS TV customer in Greater Victoria.

TELUS is celebrating the launch of its newest Community TELUS TV (CTTV) campaign benefiting the David Foster Foundation in Victoria. For every new TELUS TV customer in the Greater Victoria area, TELUS will donate \$100 to the David Foster Foundation. The CTTV campaign runs from February 2011 – February 2012, and hopes to raise a large donation for the local Victoria charity. “Local charities are the lifeblood of their communities, important to TELUS’ customers, our neighbours, and our local team members,” said Jill Schnarr, TELUS vice-president of Community Investment and Engagement. “Donating \$100 to something important to a local community on behalf of new customers is TELUS’ way of saying thank you for doing business with us. Their support is making a very real difference.”



From left to right: David Foster, Yolanda Hadid, Fiona Entwistle and Darren Entwistle, CEO & President, TELUS



Liver transplant social worker, Emily Ghent.

## Meet one of the **social workers**

*Emily Ghent is a liver transplant social worker at Sickkids in Toronto. She talks about how the David Foster Foundation makes a difference.*

**I**work with parents who are going through an extremely stressful and emotional experience. Not only do they confront the fear and worry associated with having a child with an end stage organ disease and the need for a transplant, they are also living with an incredible amount of uncertainty around the timing of transplant surgery. Our families come from all over Canada which makes the need for planning and preparation significant, but also challenging due to the uncertainty. Our families come from every walk of life and the need for a child to have a transplant impacts each one differently. For example, when a parent is a living donor this often means that both parents are unable to work and family income is significantly impacted. For others, the whole family is not able to come to Toronto for work reasons or because families want to keep their other children in school and the impact of family separation is significant. For many, the extra costs of transportation, accommodation, meals away from home are unmanageable. While families try to do everything they can, many need help.

*“Our families come from all over Canada which makes the need for planning and preparation significant”*

The David Foster Foundation makes a significance difference in my work as well as in the lives of our parents and their children. The David Foster Foundation assesses each family’s circumstance on an individual basis and is flexible and timely in terms of processing requests to meet the practical needs of families at the time of transplant. This helps parents to focus their energy on what is most important – their

child. Knowing that this resource is available to families greatly assists in developing a clinical plan that helps parents cope. Ultimately, our goal is to save the lives of children and then help children and families in moving forward with their lives after transplant with the hope of achieving a high quality of child and family life. The David Foster Foundation continues to be instrumental in offering security to worried parents and improving the quality of life of children and families undergoing transplantation in Canada.

## Official Pace Car



2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible

**C**hevrolet and Barrett Jackson took to the stage to help children needing life-saving organ transplants. A special-edition Chevrolet Camaro

Convertible took to the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale stage January 22, 2011 and was auctioned off for the David Foster Foundation. The final selling price – \$225,000! The special edition Camaro will serve as the official pace car of the 2011 Indianapolis 500 and this auctioned vehicle was one of 50 festival committee cars used in the running of the 100th Anniversary of the Indianapolis 500.

David Foster was on hand himself to see the car on the auction block. “It was so exciting to hear the bids going up and up on this beauty of a car! We are so grateful to Chevrolet and the Barrett-Jackson team for this wonderful donation,” said Foster.

The winning bid included the opportunity to ride in the car during the parade laps at the 100th Indianapolis 500 in May.

*For details about the Indianapolis 500 go to [www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/)*



## Q and A with **Mel Cooper**

**L**ong time Victoria philanthropist, Mel Cooper has been named honorary director to the David Foster Foundation Board. Mel has accepted the role of special

advisor for fundraising initiatives for the Foundation. Best known for his long career in broadcasting, Mel has helped thousands of non-profit organizations over the years through his radio stations and his own philanthropic endeavors. Many British Columbians will remember Mel as the vice-president of Expo '86. In that role, he developed a hugely successful corporate sales plan that raised a record \$174 million. Mel is currently chair of the TELUS Victoria Community Board.

We caught up with Mel to learn about his reasons for being on the board, his loves and his life.

**DFF: Hi Mel, nice to have you back. You were part of the DFF family many years ago; you left and you've come back. Tell us more about that.**

Mel: I don't even remember how many years I was on the board, but I think it was something like eight years and then I took on things like Expo 86. I didn't want to leave the Foundation but I had other things that were important for me to do. I stayed with it emotionally though, even raising money through Foster Fridays at C-FAX. Those were important fundraisers but they also put David's name out there in his own community, not that he needed much help around the world. The locals really like to know how David is doing.

**DFF: You must have some great memories from those Foster Friday events.**

Mel: Yes, I remember Josh Groban, meeting him for the first time. He was a curly-haired kid and he came into our studios and David said, "hey, listen to this; this is the first thing he's ever recorded." Josh was a young guy but you could just see that David had uncovered another potential star. So I stayed around the Foundation and showed up at all the events, often with a cheque in hand.

**DFF: What motivates you to volunteer, Mel?**

Mel: I have a real attachment to children's charities. I've never had to face those kinds of hardships in my life or my family's. Carmela and I have 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and all of them are healthy. My god, how lucky we are, you know. We didn't do anything to deserve this. But I know that some people put their whole lives on hold while they take care of those kids and their whole life changes. David's basic dream is to help the families through the misery and to impact their lives both personally and financially. I don't know of anyone else doing this to any degree.

**DFF: On a personal note, you are such a busy guy, Mel, what do you do for fun?**

Mel: Carmela and I really enjoy each other and I can say that because we've said it to each other enough times that I know it's real. By the way, I love music. Particularly, I love jazz and I like soft jazz as well as the big band stuff. I actually get my only chance to listen to music when we have a little free time so when I go down to Arizona where we like to spend time, we have that for a break. The music machine is playing away. I've always loved reading too. In particular, reading that is inspiring. I'm inspired by people that have taken on big assignments or risen above their circumstances.

**DFF: What are your thoughts about organ donation?**

Mel: I think the biggest sort of tragedy having talked to families who have a child who needs an organ to stay alive is that we allow children to die because we can't find organs for transplant. That's a tragedy. I said to Carmela "let's get signed up". We thought we were signed up through the government driver's license and we were not! So we did our registration online. I'm really happy that the Foundation is moving into that area. It's really an important message and it will save lives.

**For more information about organ donation or to make a donation to the Foundation, go to [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com) or call 250-475-1223**



## Doctor's Corner

*Dr. Dave Hepburn is the Foundation's Director of Medical Relations/General Practice. In addition to*

*running a busy medical practice in Victoria, British Columbia, Dave is an award winning syndicated columnist in more than 100 newspapers across Canada and the US. He is also a published author and the co-host of the popular national radio program *Wisequacks*.*

If ever anything David Foster-ish is happening in your part of the world... be there. Not just because he can call in favours from people who are worth having their favours called in for because of him in the first place... but because almost anything by him will be for almost anyone but him. Over the years he has helped create those whose fame have risen to the point of becoming a one namer: Bocelli, Buble, Celine, Whitney, Charice, Doctordavidfrederickhepburnmd etc. Under his tutelage you might soon be referring to Jackie Evancho as Jackie or, if he pulls out his A game,... J. Yet his greatest legacy will be for those who you have never heard of or ever will... except for what you read today.

As an MD for 20+ years I have had to become a callous creature at times, just to survive. I have callouses on my callouses on my crusty rusty corpse. I have seen and treated roughly 1,269,237 sick kids and have spent more tour of duties on hospital wards than I have at home. But as I and a few other crusties toured Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto with David Foster, our callouses sloughed off, creating a large pile of biohazardous material in the CCU, triggering a code turquoise or magenta or whatever. Housekeeping had to come and do a callous cleanup which apparently is rather routine in those units. No matter how hard-hearted and routine you may have become, I challenge you to venture through a ward of children waiting tentatively on death's doorstep and make it out unscathed.

Imagine the sweet serene scene of your healthy, hardy child heading off to bed yelling how unfair you are

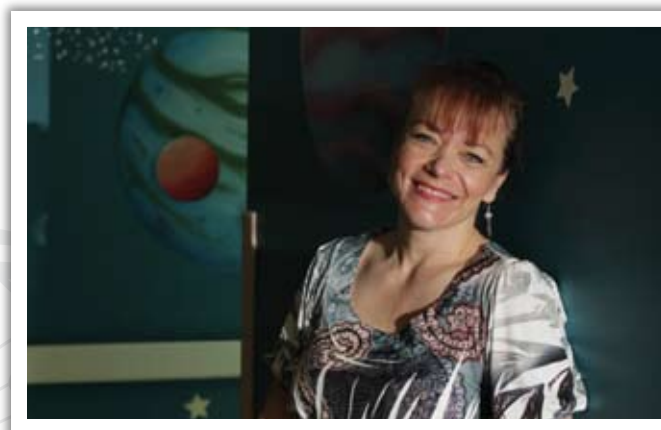
*"No matter how hard-hearted and routine you may have become, I challenge you to venture through a ward of children waiting tentatively on death's doorstep and make it out unscathed."*

as a parent to make them go to bed before 2 AM and threatening to call child services in the morning. What if your wee Ashleigh woke in the night feeling ill, just a flu, right? Usually it is... but sometimes... it isn't. What if within hours you decided to take Ashleigh to a clinic, not realizing that she would not return back home for many, many months, not realizing that her heart was being destroyed. It happens. It happens to regular folks with mortgages and jobs and a house-trained beagle and Christmas ornaments in the garage and a Sanyo TV and David Foster CDs with pianos and Celine and stuff on the jacket. But hospitals (and worse) are full of children who have been perfectly heathy one minute and then terribly, terribly ill the next. Ashleigh's heart continued to die and so a temporary external see-through Berlin heart was attached to Ashleigh's body. She was wearing her heart on her pajamas, literally. The lives of Ashleigh's family were turned upside down as they waited... and waited.

Within days of Ashleigh coming into hospital, young James came in, same problem, same Berlin heart. James' parents and Ashleigh's parents waited, agonized and hoped together. Finally a wee donor heart came to Sick Kids. It was the right size and match for Ashleigh, not the right match for James. Her Berlin wall was replaced with a real heart and she is now bouncing about though she was weaned on dill pickles, lemon juice and Red Bull. James' parents rejoiced as well and waited for their day. But a heart did not come. James died.

It goes without mentioning that we should all be registered as organ donors, all of us. It amazes me

## New Director of Family Relations & Communications



New Director of Family Relations & Communications, Kathy Baan.

**V**eteran marketing and promotions specialist, Kathy Baan, has joined the team at the David Foster Foundation. Kathy was a former promotions and marketing manager for a Canwest newspaper as well as working in radio and television for many years.

“It has been an awesome experience working here at the Foundation for the last year. This is such a benevolent organization and no one else does what we do for our families,” said Kathy.

She brings with her a wealth of non-profit experience, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for various organizations including Juvenile Diabetes, Raise a Reader, Rick Hansen Man in Motion to name a few.

Kathy has her certificate in Public Relations from the University of Victoria and a Broadcast Diploma from the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

“We are really excited to have Kathy on board with us,” said Michael Ravenhill, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. “She is an excellent communicator and has a lot of compassion for the people she strives to help. She plays a key role in working with our families and anchoring our Victoria office.”

*You can reach Kathy at [kbaan@davidfosterfoundation.com](mailto:kbaan@davidfosterfoundation.com)*

that there are still those who aren't. Why? David F has figured it out. You need to figure it out. He has realized that he can use his credibility and his fame to help these families. But talk is cheap and he does so much more than talk. I have seen David Foster on a soft, sun-drenched summer day, when he should have been out flaunting his fish-belly white keyster on a yacht or an island or two, instead plant that keyster in a sweaty chair in the attic of a small house for the entire day. He grinds through hours of minute details of a foundation he created to honor his mother and her kind heart, a heart that David first felt beat while waiting to bust into this world with his prodigious talent and a heart he obviously still feels beating today as an adult. He won't much care for this article as I have seen him honored by giants of the transplant and medical world only to deflect the recognition elsewhere. He's had enough accolades to last 38, possibly 39 lifetimes. He doesn't need or want any others, yet what he wants is to make a real and lasting difference for innocent children and their bewildered and uprooted families. Children, who through no fault of their own struggle to breath or walk or just live. He wants them off that doorstep and he wants you to help them out of that hospital.

*“It goes without mentioning that we should all be registered as organ donors, all of us. It amazes me that there are still those who aren't. Why? David F has figured it out. You need to figure it out.”*

The Foundation has become part of him, more than he likely ever thought it would be. Like anything good it can overtake us if we care enough to allow it. So when David Foster comes to your town or your TV or his website [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com) comes across your field of vision (hey, there it is now!) you be there and support those who simply put... need you. Be a hit in your own life by making a difference in theirs. ...D.

*David Hepburn, MD  
[www.wisequacks.org](http://www.wisequacks.org)*

# David Foster & Friends Fundraising Gala



**D**avid Foster, one of the most respected names in music – with 16 Grammy Award wins and an unprecedented 45 nominations – invited 450 friends to join him at an exclusive private estate in Toronto for a fundraising event to raise awareness of the David Foster Foundation and to benefit kids and their families going through life-saving organ transplants. A Toronto first, this intimate affair featured unparalleled entertainment from some of the world’s finest music stars, an epicurean experience by Mark McEwan, priceless auction items and more. Leslie Roberts, Global News anchor emceed the evening. The audience’s collective jaws dropped during the performance of Jackie Evancho who wowed them with her angelic rendition of Pie Jesu and Panis Angelicus which she made famous during the America’s Got Talent television show. She also threw in a beautiful version of Silent Night. She was accompanied by David Foster on the piano and the marvelous DF band. Other highlights came when Lionel Richie serenaded long time friend Muhammed Ali with a revised version of “Once Twice Three Times a Lady” newly titled “Once Twice Three Times a Champion”. Over \$3million was raised during the evening with proceeds going to DFF. Thank you Toronto!



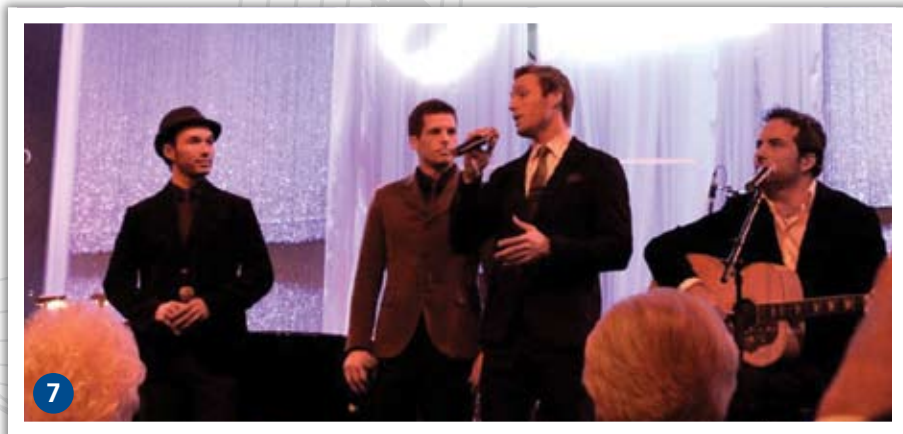
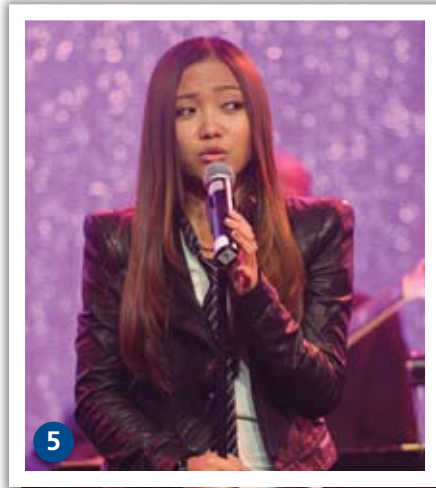
## PERFORMERS:

Canadian Tenors – *Canada’s vocal sensations*  
Charice – *singing sensation discovered by Oprah Winfrey and David Foster*  
Jackie Evancho – *2010 America’s Got Talent runner-up*  
Peter Cetera – *member of iconic rock band Chicago*  
Lionel Richie – *worldwide music star*



## GUESTS INCLUDED:

Muhammad Ali – *World Heavyweight Champion*  
Warren Buffett – *Chairman & CEO Berkshire Hathaway*  
Ben Mulroney – *Anchor of CTV’s eTalk*  
Loretta Rogers – *Board of Directors, Rogers Communications Inc.*  
Gary Slaight – *President & CEO, Slaight Communications*  
Dallas Green – *JUNO Award-winning artist of Alexisonfire*  
CBC’s Dragon’s Den – *W. Brett Wilson, Kevin O’Leary, Jim Treliving, Robert Herjavec*  
CTV’s So You Think You Can Dance – *Judge Mary Murphy, Jean Marc Genereux, Host Leah Miller, & Executive Producer Sandra Faire*



1. DFF Board of Directors with Beth Hill & son Jarod. Back row, left to right: Mel Cooper, Derek Sturko, Jim Treliving, David Foster, Lorenzo Oss-Cech, Dave Hepburn, CEO Mike Ravenhill. Front row, left to right: Dr. Anne Dipchand, Beth Hill & organ transplant patient Jarod Hill, Allison Jones.
2. 10 year old Jackie Evancho wows the Toronto audience.
3. Lionel Richie serenaded long time friend Muhammed Ali with a modified version of "Once, Twice, Three times a Champion".

4. Peter Cetera gave the audience what they wanted to hear!
5. Former Glee star, Charice, sang to the enthralled crowd.
6. Yolanda Hadid, David Foster with mom of little Josephine who underwent a heart transplant shortly after our visit to Sickkids in Toronto. The transplant was successful!
7. The Canadian Tenors Victor Micalief, Clifton Murray, Fraser Walters and Remigio Pereira.

# Transplant Touchdown

14 year old Thomas is on the waiting list for his second double lung transplant. We met up with him in Toronto and he told us about his on-field experience during a Bills/Colts NFL pre-season game where he met Peyton Manning! Thomas was beyond thrilled. He even got an autographed ball signed by receiver Lee Evans! Thomas has been living in Toronto with his parents for several months waiting to get the call that his lungs are available. We'll keep you posted on his condition on our facebook site.

To find out how to become an organ donor today, please visit <http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com/supportfoundation/become-an-organ-donor>

**Be a Donor, Save a Life**



# Upcoming Events

The David Foster Foundation has some great events that you should know about! We hope you can join us in participating in one of these ventures.

- Win a 2011 Camaro SS! DFF is traveling across the United States telling folks about this great opportunity to win a replica of the official pace car of the 2011 Indianapolis 500. Starting now until May 29, 2011, text DONATE to 467467, to enter for a chance to win! While you are entering you have the opportunity to make a donation to the David Foster Foundation to encourage organ donation registration in the United States. The winning entry will be announced on May 31, 2011 in Indianapolis. (sorry only US citizens can enter for a chance to win!)
- DFF in conjunction with the Napa Valley Festival del Sole organizers are hosting two days of world class

wine, food and entertainment July 16th and July 17th in the Napa Valley. David Foster and Friends will be performing at an outstanding concert and you will have the opportunity to bid on the live auction items at this once-in-a-lifetime event. You can be there! Go to [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com) and click on our news and events section for more details.

- David is coming back to his beloved hometown Victoria BC to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Foundation! Plans are in the works for an event in May of 2012. For those of you who have been waiting to hear and see David Foster and Friends live, we will have more details to follow soon. Be sure to check in on our website [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com) in the coming months.

## David Foster Foundation Donation Form

*Thank you for supporting children and their families receiving life-saving organ transplants.*

*Donations can be mailed to: David Foster Foundation, 212 Henry Street, Victoria, BC V9A 3H9 CANADA*

**Make a Personal Donation** Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Mr, Mrs, Dr)

**Make Donation on behalf of an Organization** Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the David Foster Foundation to contact me via e-mail with information about how I can support children receiving life saving organ transplants.

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Currency: \_\_\_\_\_  One Time Credit Card Payment  Recurring Monthly Payment

Credit Card Type:  VISA  MC  AMEX Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation in memory/honour of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the next of kin that a donation has been made.  I would like to keep my gift private.

Canadian Charitable Business No. 10700 4210 RR0001. US Federal ID No. 81-0581479.

Tax receipts will be issued upon receipt of donation. Donations can also be made online at [www.davidfosterfoundation.com](http://www.davidfosterfoundation.com)