



## **Sutton Office Dedicates Fundraiser to Assist a Young Man with Cancer**



**Richmond, BC** – When 21-year-old Daniel McCarthy returned from playing hockey with friends, he had a sore knee. Doctors originally told him he had simply pulled a tendon and that it would heal. After weeks of pain, he obtained an x-ray, which revealed a nine-centimetre tumour in his knee extending into his thigh bone. The diagnosis was osteosarcoma—the same type of cancer that afflicted Terry Fox. Over the past several months, Daniel has undergone chemotherapy and surgery to replace his knee and remove a portion of his thigh bone.

Although he has lost more than 50 pounds and most of his hair, his mother, Charmaine McCarthy, a REALTOR® at Sutton Group – Seafair Realty, describes him as an extremely upbeat person. He has dealt well with the physical and emotional challenges but the cost of the medications—some of which are \$800 per prescription—are a serious financial strain. As well, Daniel requires some treatments that are not completely covered by the BC medical system such as physiotherapy for his atrophied leg and acupuncture to help relieve his pain.

Charmaine and her son are overwhelmed by the generosity of the team at Sutton Group – Seafair Realty. On September 14, 2012, the office's annual golf tournament was dedicated to Daniel. The event raised over \$7,300 and attracted many sponsors and approximately 50 golfers swelling to 120 for the dinner/fundraiser.

"Daniel had just finished a chemotherapy treatment on the morning of the golf tournament," says Charmaine. "Despite that, he was determined to go to the event to say thank you in person." She is happy to report that Daniel's prognosis is almost as positive as her son! "The treatments are going well. He was at the top of his game physically before the cancer and he's handling the chemotherapy as well possible. The cure rate for osteosarcoma is about 80 per cent."



*Pictured top (left to right): REALTORS® Daniel John, Susan Green, Sharon Reimer, and Trisha Murphy and supplier Peter Palmer. Right: Daniel hugs his mother at the event.*

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