

A Street Raising a Child - Jan 19/09



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What happens when a child needs help beyond the scope of the local resources available to him and the family? How does a family cope and get the medical attention their young son with Tourettes needs? Here in Fort Erie, the neighbours rally together to find a way to bring the services home.

The idea of holding a Ribfest as a fundraiser came from Greg and Brad Brunton (Billy Bones) including donating all of the food and staff. Ashley Gibson, daughter of Larry Gibson, spoke to her Dad about using the hall at The Fort Erie Golf Course. Gina Ramkissoon of Last Mile Wireless Internet offered the manpower of the newly formed Fort Erie Rotary AM Club.

The result was a highly successful Ribfest on Saturday January 17th that saw 200 people enjoy Billy Bones Ribs and Chicken. There were auctions, draws and the Garage Dawgs provided dancing music.

A special presentation by Kim Craitor, MPP from a personal perspective, gave the new local Niagara Resource Unit of Tourettes a rousing start.

The new chapter for Tourettes has now been launched and it will provide the families of Niagara with the resources to manage the condition that affects so many people within our community. Want to know more about Tourettes? Contact tourette@lastmilenet.ca.