



Local couple acknowledged for fundraising efforts

Submitted by Volunteer Leduc

Leduc couple Laurel and John Underhill were presented a Leduc Achievement Award, Nov. 14, 2011, in recognition of their fundraising efforts for the Noah and Hannah Rutherford Trust Fund.

When pilot Blair Rutherford died tragically on First Air flight 6560 near Resolute Bay on Aug. 20, 2011, he left behind wife, Tatiana, and two children, Hannah, 11 and nine-year-old Noah.

The Underhills are dear friends of the Rutherford family and during this unfortunate time they initiated an outstanding fundraiser held in support of the family. The Sept. 20, 2011 event was led by John and Laurel with key support from community organizations and business, Leduc citizens, and the enthusiastic staff from Ecole Corinthia Park School. Everyone played an enormous role in this extraordinary fundraiser.

The event took place at McDonald's Restaurant in Leduc with all proceeds from the fundraiser donated to the Noah and Hannah Rutherford Trust Fund. A silent auction and raffle was also held at the fundraising event. Fundraising efforts are estimated at \$26,000. The generosity and support of everyone was tremendous which was evident in the hundreds of people who attended the fundraiser.

Financial donations for the Rutherford family can be made to the Hannah and Noah Rutherford Trust at Royal Bank of Canada, account number 07159- 5041181.

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