



Grand Prix de Kincardine Snowmobile Racing

Supporting Autism and Epilepsy Awareness



March 2013

Hello Autism Families in the Kincardine area!

Autism and Epilepsy Awareness are the focus of our fund raising efforts with all of our events. We have been successful this year in raising money for both efforts.

In September at our event near Nithburg, On, we raised over \$500 that Epilepsy Waterloo Wellington was able to take home with them from the race.

In 2010, we raised well over \$1100 that was split between Autism Grey Bruce and Epilepsy Huron Perth Bruce Grey.

This year, 2013, we are proud to have raised enough money to be able to donate assistive technology to Autistic kids in the Kincardine area.

The technology:

Two Google Nexus 7 Android Tablet computers complete with Gumdrop Droptech cases.

The Google Nexus 7 is the leading tablet in the 7" market and is ideal for small hands to manipulate coupled with the protection of the Gumdrop case makes them the perfect device for Autistic kids with some experiencing motor skill deficits along with many other different abilities.

The tablets are made specifically to interface flawlessly with all Google services including Google Play, the app store for Android devices. There are more and more Android apps being developed ongoing and many great apps to help Autistic kids in so many ways.

The offer:

We are offering to give the two devices to local families that have children age 12 years and under that are diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum.

The process:

We ask that you submit your names through Community Living Kincardine and District to be put in the pool of names. Please provide a proof of diagnosis to CLKD if they do not already have it on file. Please contact Jolene Shelton at, 519 396 9434 X 230.

Two names will be drawn at random with help from CLKD staff.

Provisos:

The tablets are being provided for use by the Autistic kids. Obviously parents will have to maintain control and upkeep of the devices but the intent is for them to help the kids and not be another device for others to use for recreational purposes.



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The winners will have complete ownership of the devices and will be responsible for the upkeep and associated cost for any apps or accessories purchased for the device.

They will also need to set up a Gmail account if you do not already have one as this is required for the tablet to connect to the Google Play store. A wireless internet connection will also be required for initial set but only necessary after that for accessing content over the internet including the Google Play Store.

We will provide the support necessary to do the initial set up and make recommendations for apps to load onto the tablet to get started with. The tablets already are pre-loaded with many of the standard Google apps as well.

We have had a Nexus 7 identical to what is being given away since September and have found them to be a great device so can help with most any questions that may come up.

One great feature that the Android Jellybean OS provides is multiple user set up. The tablet can be set up multiple users and have different apps loaded for each user. This is a big help in only giving access to what you choose for your child. There are also many other great features that can be set up to limit what activities can be accomplished as well.

We will also be setting up some media coverage for this activity so that the community can be made more aware of Autism in general and the work the folks are doing. It would be our hope that families would participate in the media coverage.

This has only been made possible through the efforts and support by all of the great people that come to our events to race or watch and to our sponsors for their ongoing support. A complete list of sponsors can be found on our web site and we ask that you do check them out and support them as possible in return.

The deadline for submitting names will be Friday April 5, 2013. We will do the presentation within the week following so that it falls into the 1st half of April being Autism Awareness Month.

This opportunity is provided by us and is not affiliated in any way to Autism Ontario or any other group or organization. Community Living is helping us to get the word out and provide connection to local families. We thank them very much for their help.

We thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Rob, Alicia and Justin Noakes.

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