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ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa helps a family in need Over \$2100 raised for Wymant Family

OTTAWA, Ontario – October 27, 2008 ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa has raised over \$2100 to donate to the Katy Wymant Fund. Set-up by the Ottawa insurance industry, the fund is in support of the Wymant family, who are in dire need of community support.

What began as a family vacation to Mrs. Wymant's birthplace of Glasgow, Scotland, took a drastic turn for the worst. Just days prior to their return flight to Canada, Katy Wymant, 4, fell extremely ill. A visit to the Glasgow Children's Hospital determined that Katy has a devastating form of cancer known as glioma, and several tumors throughout her body. Even with treatment, patients diagnosed with glioma typically only survive for 9 months. The Wymants have been advised not to return to Canada because there is a high-risk that Katy could die in flight.

Wishing to spend as much time with their daughter as possible, and be there for her through her treatments, the Wymants have since had to take leaves of absence from their jobs, and are struggling to get by. They are even at risk of losing their personal assets.

Since learning of this tragedy, ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa has been raising money through friends and business partners in support of this cause. "We were approached by SCM to make an announcement about the Wymants at our annual golf tournament in September," says John Cooke, president, ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa. "Of course we were more than happy to do so, and because we always try to go the extra mile to help people we decided to take our support one step further."

ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa was also present at the Katy Wymant fundraiser held on Saturday, October 25, and raised an additional \$900, at the event, to add to its contribution to the fund. With help from ServiceMaster franchises in Kingston, Belleville, and Markham, Franklin-Cooper Financial, and its own staff, it had raised \$1200 prior to the event, bringing the final amount raised and donated to \$2129.

In total, the event raised over \$20,000 for the fund, which will be given directly to the Wymant family. "The support we received for the Wymants was phenomenal," says Jean Marion, district manager, SCM-Claimspro, and chair of the event organizing committee. "When we took on the initiative to put together a fund raising event for the Wymants in Ottawa we were looking at raising \$10,000. Because of the generosity displayed by the insurance, automotive, and restoration contractor industries, we raised over double that."

ServiceMaster Clean of Ottawa has proved its community support with several charitable donations to local charities over recent years. "Our contribution to the fund was a token to the way we conduct our business," says Cooke. "We are conscious of the community we operate in, and are always helping out where we can."

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