

**Christine and Christian Fortin Will Run the 2013 ING New York City Marathon November 3rd for Patrick 4 Life and the Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care**

Dear Friend and Supporter,

Christian and I are delighted to be running this year's New York City Marathon Sunday November 3rd to support Patrick 4 Life (P4L) and our friends at the Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care (PAC).

P4L, a registered charity, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating youth about the prevention of HIV/AIDS. You are familiar of our unwavering P4L vision to ensure that every child in every classroom in the Province of Ontario will experience an HIV/AIDS education program. Christian and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing support of our family and of the Partici-Patrick program involving 2,000 students, 35 classrooms, 165 teachers, and 150 volunteers, in our 8<sup>th</sup> year!

Since 2003, we have also been associated with the Philip Aziz Centre, a community based non-profit hospice offering support for children and families with life-limiting illnesses. Indeed many of you have joined us over those last 10 years and have financially supported PAC and their goal to raise funds to open a pediatric palliative care hospice, something we would have appreciated when we were going through our last days with Patrick. WELL THEIR VISION BECAME REALITY THIS YEAR WITH THE OPENING OF EMILY'S HOUSE, a 10-bed pediatric hospice, the first in the history of Toronto, and one that will serve the entire Province of Ontario.

Emily's House will welcome up to 300 children, youth and their families annually, providing a third alternative to a hospital bed or home-hospice support, particularly when the burden of home care may be too great for the parents. Compassionate and comprehensive services will be provided round-the-clock through a medical support team and trained volunteers.

This year, we are pleased to run for both charities with 50% of donations raised benefiting P4L initiatives and 50% to PAC and Emily's House in support of the very important children and youth programs for both organizations.

At this 10th year anniversary of running, as we train for our 16<sup>th</sup> marathon, we are asking for your support to help us raise awareness and money for these important programs. If you are interested in pledging for our New York City Marathon run, please contact us directly. Help us help P4L and PAC.

Remember it's always for our children and youth.

Feel free to call or reply to this message and we will be in touch with you.

Best regards always,

Christine and Christian Fortin