

Fall Cabinet - October 2021

## CHILDHOOD CANCER

For childhood cancer awareness month in September the theme was "Tree of Life" and symbolised by a gold ribbon, worn to commemorate the event.

Childhood cancer is devastating to growth and development in children, and devastating to their families and friends. Parents of childhood cancer sufferers have the anguish of watching their children suffer, and the stress of decisions on medications and treatments as well as decisions on time of work for themselves and time off school for the child, and worse, trying to explain to a child what is happening to them and answering the resulting questions on life and faith, and worst of all is the loss of a child to cancer, a devastation that can never be put right.

Over 60 families had experiences with Camp Goodtimes (at Maple Ridge, B.C.) this past summer with Goodtimes at Home, virtual Kids Camp packages

In Canada, 1700 children and youths between the ages of birth and 19 years of age are diagnosed with cancer each year. 47 children per day - or 17,293 children per year - are diagnosed with cancer in the United States.

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