

Formula Kartways Sponsors Go-Karting Teams in Lupus Grand Prix for Sick Kids Toronto Saturday October 20th, 2018

In an attempt to raise funds for the Lupus clinic at Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital, [Formula Kartways](#) of Brampton to date has entered 3 teams in the 11th Annual [Lupus Grand Prix](#). The 90-minute team endurance race in outdoor go karting will take place on Saturday October 20th, 2018 at Goodwood Kartways 5200 2nd Concession, Stouffville, Ontario Canada L4A 7X4.

Drivers for Formula Kartways include Matt Hayley who broke the Guinness World Record earlier this year for most laps for indoor go karting in 24hrs (certification pending) & Shaun de Jager, Matt's coach for the Guinness attempt, advanced instructor and former Pro racecar driver.

Teams raise money through pledges to determine their starting position for the race and all of these funds go directly to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children Pediatric Lupus Clinic where 60-70 new cases of Lupus are diagnosed in children and teens each year.

Lupus is an autoimmune disease where the immune system becomes hyperactive and attacks normal, healthy tissues. It is a potentially fatal disease capable of damaging virtually any part of the body. In the most severe forms of this disease it can cause disfiguring rashes and scarring, miscarriages, kidney, heart and lung failure, strokes, seizures, and heart attacks.

Sick Kids Lupus clinic commenced operation in 1986. Today Dr. Earl Silverman and his team treat 200+ patients every year including 50-60 new diagnoses annually. The average age of these patients is 12-13yrs. It is the largest pediatric SLE Clinic in the world, the first combined rheumatology/nephrology clinic for either pediatric or adult and they see more new untreated SLE patients than any other center in Canada including adult centers.

Over the past 10 years the Lupus Grand Prix has donated over \$140,000 to the Clinic. The Hospital for Sick Children has recognized the contribution made by the Lupus Grand Prix with a plaque on their Donor Wall.

Organizer Bill Bryan founded Lupus GP in 2007 to raise funds for this relentless, indiscriminate disease when his mentor Pat was diagnosed with Lupus. Pat consistently perseveres through the pain and fatigue of her Lupus to volunteer her time to motorsports marshalling. The first Lupus Grand Prix was held in 2008 and has been growing annually.

This will be the first year Formula Kartways will be sponsoring teams and inviting their customers to participate. Spectators are welcomed and encouraged. There will be raffles and donations will be accepted on site. It is free to attend.

Anyone wanting to contribute to the success of Formula Kartways' teams at the Lupus GP and support this worthy cause can make a donation on team captain Shaun de Jager's page [here](#). [Tax receipts will be issued](#).

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