2005
JOURNEY FOR JULIE
Supporting
Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada

We are appealing to you for donations in support of Journey for Julie 2005 - a National Awareness Campaign and Cross-Canada Peddle-Bike Tour in support of the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada.

About Journey for Julie…

On July 21, 2005 Russ McCann, owner of Weatherguard Gutters & Exteriors and his close friend and employee Greg Kotlowski, both avid cyclists, will embark on a peddle-bike tour from Vancouver, BC to Halifax, NS in support of Research, Screening and Immunization for Bacterial and Viral Meningitis.

Why Meningitis? On November 21, 1984, Julie - Greg and Susan Kotlowski's daughter - did not have the benefit of a preventative vaccine. Julie lost her life to this deadly disease at the age of four leaving a family devastated. Their question of 'why' remains unanswered.

Greg describes this incident as the most horrific event in his life. Life stood still – the family never coming to a reconciliation of the loss of Julie. Greg finally acknowledged Julie's death while visiting her gravesite near Halifax in 2004. It had taken him more then 20 years to face the grim finality and let go of the past, beginning his own journey of healing. Greg is determined today to bring good out of this tragedy. His goal is to raise funds for ongoing research, increase public awareness of Meningitis and to educate families on vaccine options.

 "All the pain we've suffered will be worth it if we could help prevent or make one person aware of this horrible disease," says Greg.

We would be pleased to speak with you to discuss in more detail this worthwhile cause.

Please help Journey for Julie 2005 make a difference in the fight against Meningitis.

Sincerely,

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Donations can be made directly to:

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