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Kennedy honoured with CTC award

A principal with the Upper Canada District School Board has been honoured by the Children's Treatment Centre (CTC) for his work helping to raise more than \$14,000 for the agency so abused children can get the help they require.

Kieran Kennedy, principal at Central Public School, was recently presented with the President's Award by former Canadian Olympic skiing champion Nancy Greene during the agency's annual general meeting in Cornwall. The agency, which receives no government funding, offers counseling and other services to abused children in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties and the territory of Akwesasne.

"Kieran is someone who has always worked hard to ensure the success of all children's lives through various programs he has run and his tireless

efforts to ensure their overall personal wellness," said Pierre Guindon, CTC president. "His goal is to see children healthy, happy and not just surviving in this world, but thriving in all areas of their lives."

"Our community is a better place because of the empathetic and committed hearts of people like Kieran Kennedy who have made it their goal in life to strive for wellness for all children."

The 42-year-old principal was honoured for three school-based fundraising programs that have collectively raised more than \$14,000 for the centre since 2008. In 2008, Kennedy organized the Drive for 75 at East Front Public School, seeking 75 students from the school to participate in the CTC's Bike-a-Thon Plus fundraiser. The drive attracted 100 participants and raised \$5,061.



At the Children's Treatment Centre's Annual General Meeting, Kieran Kennedy (right) was awarded with the President's Award for his leadership and initiative in the Centre's programs and activities. Kennedy is the principal of Central Public School. Also pictured are Pierre Guindon and Nancy Greene. Submitted photo

The next year, he organized the Drive for 150 at East Front, seeking 150 participants and to raise more than \$3,600.

This spring, Kennedy organized Mission 300, which was designed to attract 300 participants from both East Front Public School and Central Public School. While the drive secured fewer than 200 participants, it raised more than \$6,000.

Kennedy was left humbled by the award.

"This award has gone to so many great community leaders and when my name came up I was really honoured, but incredibly surprised as well," he said.

"It was wonderful because this organization means so much to me. But while I won the award I do want to say that any success I've had as an individual

was really the result of a collective effort by the many people who support me."

He said he is particularly grateful for the assistance of East Front teacher Paula McCallum, office administrators Kim Thompson and Charlene Cardinal, and East Front School Council Chair Shari King, who were instrumental in helping him organize the Drives for 75 and 150. He also expressed gratitude to Central Public School Proglogic Mission 300 committee members Lori Leroux, Cheryl Boales and Shelley Cameron for their leadership.

Kennedy is already thinking of ways to improve fundraising success for the schools at the next Bike-a-thon Plus event, including ways to increase participation by students and parents from both school communities.



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At the Children's Treatment Centre's Annual General Meeting, Linda Moyer (right) was awarded with the Spirit Award by Nancy Greene (left). Linda is the owner of the Tim Hortons at the Eastcourt Mall. She has been involved with the Centre since its early days and continues to support the children in our community. Submitted photo

Community service award

