## SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION TAB COLLECTION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER #8 JUNE 2023

Who we are: We are a group of Seven Oaks employees, past and present, dedicated to improving the quality of life for students in the Seven Oaks School Division by providing recreational items that aren't funded publicly.

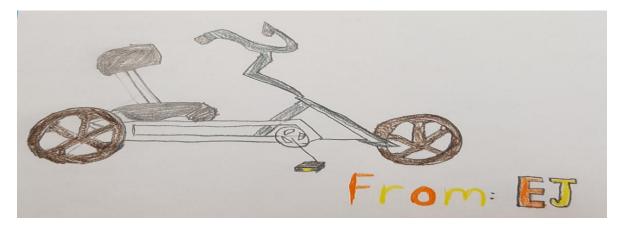
What do we do? We collect tabs from the tops of drink cans and sell them to a local scrap metal dealer. We arrange for pickup of donated tabs from our 2 main schools in the Seven Oaks School Division – Victory School & R. F. Morrison School. Once enough money is collected, we purchase a specialty bike or trike (or bike/wheelchair parts) for a student in the division.

A big thank you to Seven Oaks Maintenance Department for picking up the tabs and taking them to the scrap metal dealer!



Since the inception of this committee in 2003, and through partnerships with schools in the Seven Oaks School Division, the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation, Children's Disability Services, legions, churches, businesses and individual donors, we have been able to raise money to purchase 17 different mobility items. These include 14 specialty trikes and wheelchair parts for students in various schools in our division. We have continued to collect tabs during the times of the Covid -19 pandemic; our progress has been slower during these past three years. We are hopeful that more tabs will be donated to our program now that people are gathering more post pandemic.

*Transcript of a thank you note we received:* "I would like to thank everyone for helping me get this bike. I will have a good time riding my bike outside. Have a great summer! EJ"



## How to help out:



## *Who helps us?* A huge THANK YOU to all individuals and groups who have been collecting tabs for us (in no particular order):

Students and staff of *all* Seven Oaks schools Seven Oaks Educational and Clinical Support Services Lutheran Women's Missionary League Royal Canadian Legion West Kildonan Branch #30 Seven Oaks School Division IT Centre Mackenzie and Newella Bell and family D. Riordan Children's Rehabilitation Foundation Tracey Sobo Specialized Services for Children and Youth Seven Oaks School Division Board Office Seven Oaks Maintenance and Transportation National Leasing Atlantic Garden City United Church Berna Walichnowski Brenda Robertson and Hatch Ltd. M. Martinos-Wutzke Joanne Zahaiko and family Lyrissa Loeppky and grandmother Denise Durand

Students at Shaftsbury High School dropped off a significant amount of tabs.

Youth from the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral also dropped off a very significant amount of tabs to support our program!

...and many, many previous and <u>anonymous donors</u> who drop off tabs at schools and other locations in support of our work. We couldn't do it without all of you!

As of May 2023, the Lions Club of West St. Paul has agreed to collect tabs for us! Thanks to Evelyn Myskiw for being our contact with this Lions Club.

## *Questions: Call Sabyna at R. F. Morrison School (204-338-7804) for more information.*