

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION
TAB COLLECTION COMMITTEE
JUNE 2021

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

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



1,000 tabs = 1 lb. (2,202 tabs = 1 kg.) By collecting tabs you have made a difference for 16 students to date. A low rider trike will be going to a student at H. C. Avery by the end of June. That will be 17! THANK YOU!!

Since the inception of this committee in 2003, 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:

- Assist with purchasing a lightweight wheelchair for a student at West Kildonan Collegiate in 2005
- Purchase specialized accessories for the wheelchair used by a student at Governor Semple School in 2007
- Assist with the loan of a sand and snow wheelchair for a student at Victory School in 2007 (in partnership with the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation)
- Assist with purchasing a specialty trike for a student at West Kildonan Collegiate (in partnership with Children's Disability Services)
- Assist with purchasing a specialty trike that has been enjoyed by students at Victory School, Leila North School, West Kildonan Collegiate and Governor Semple School over the years
- Assist with purchasing a specialty tandem trike for a Victory School student in 2013
- Assist with purchasing a specialty walker for a Maples Collegiate student in 2015
- Make modifications to a specialty trike for a West Kildonan Collegiate student in 2014, and for a Governor Semple student in 2015
- Assist with purchasing a low rider trike for a H. C. Avery student in June 2020

Transcript of thank you notes we have received:

My new bike is just superb. I love riding it. Thank you to everyone who collected the tabs for it.
Naomi

Thank you for the generous funding you provided for a Trialmate Low Rider bike for student at H. C. Avery School. This new bike will provide many opportunities to encourage and promote physical activity for the student within the school, and at home with his family!

Thank you again for this wonderful fundraiser, and helping to make a difference in this student's life! It is truly appreciated!

Tracy Dreger BMR (PT), School Therapy Services

How to help? Keep the tabs and cash donations coming in! You can help by collecting tabs at your school, community club, legion, place of worship, etc. As you can see from the impressive list above, it doesn't take long to collect enough tabs to make a difference for a child. Some of our schools have even held bake sales to raise additional funds to speed up the process for one of their classmates. Amazing!

What to do with all of the tabs? Send or bring all of the collected tabs to one of the two main drop offs in the Seven Oaks School Division – R. F. Morrison School, 25 Morrison St., or Victory School, 395 Jefferson Ave., or to Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) at 1155 Notre Dame Ave. We'll take it from there!

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 staff

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
Lyrisa Loeppky and grandmother
Denise Durand

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



Who are we collecting for right now?

TABS



The **Seven Oaks School Division Tabs Collection Committee** is continuing to collect tabs. Once enough funds have been received from the tabs collected we will select a student and the specialty trike best suited to meet the student's needs.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative.

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