

## Carolyn Brown

TEACHER AT WINSTON CHURCHILL COLLEGIATE,  
VOLUNTEER WITH WINGS OF HOPE IN 2008,  
LOST HER HUSBAND TO CANCER IN 2007

Our Writer's Craft class decided to respond to the Wings of Hope initiative because of some individual loss and health issues members of the class were experiencing. The whole exercise of writing for this project was a special kind of therapy itself, giving us all a little more hope that life would get better. I believe hope is as essential as the air we breathe. Since then, one of my special students got some very promising news from PMH and we are all so grateful for this.

On a personal note, I lost my beloved husband to cancer last year and my new connection to Joanna has inspired me to continue to live my life with hope, courage, love, and faith. I am blessed to be a small part of your Wings of Hope, Joanna.

## Eileen Nash

HAVERGAL STUDENT AND 2007 WRITTEN  
SUBMISSION WINNER OF THE PREPSKILLS®  
WINGS OF HOPE BOOK CONTEST

Eileen gave back her \$100 winnings from 2007 to the 2008 Wings of Hope Journal project. In addition, Eileen played "Chip" the teacup, in the Fallen Rock Production of *Beauty and the Beast*, whose proceeds were donated to the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO), whose goal is to ensure that children with cancer receive the best possible care and the greatest chance for survival with an optimal quality of life.

*From left to right: Eileen Nash, Nathan (Joanna's son) and Joanna Severino*



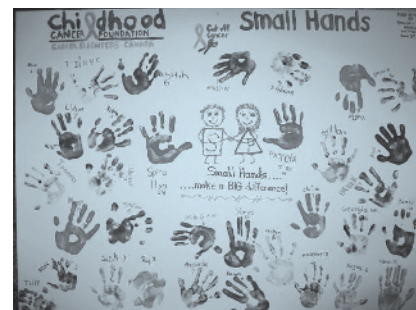
## Patricia Vrysellas, Spiro Vrysellas

GRADES 2 AND 6, PALMERSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL,  
RAISED MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH

In summer 2007, Patricia and her brother Spiro set up a lemonade stand and decided to donate the money to less fortunate children. Patricia's mom Kathy did some research and they decided to donate to the Childhood Cancer Foundation through [www.smallhands.ca](http://www.smallhands.ca).

Spiro came up with the idea for Patricia to cut her very long hair and donate it for making wigs for children with cancer. Patricia cut her hair on her 7th birthday, June 1, 2008.

*Below: A Canvas created by Patricia and Spiro Vrysellas for CCF.  
Photo courtesy Kathy Vrysellas*



## Monika Lee

GRADE 6, ST. GREGORY THE GREAT,  
INSPIRED BY FRIENDS TO HELP A  
GREATER CAUSE – KIDS WITH CANCER.

Monika grew her hair for almost two years, and on July 3, 2008 she cut more than 30 cm off for cancer patient wigs.

Silke Visconti, Monika's mom was involved with the Wings of Hope project for two years.

*Below: Monika Lee cuts her hair  
Photo courtesy  
Silke Visconti*

