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Sugar Sammy and volunteers

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Sugar Sammy helps the Guignolée



By **Stuart Nulman**
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Montreal comedian Sugar Sammy paid it forward and paid back to his native Cote des Neiges neighborhood last Saturday, as he lent his support to the 12th annual Guignolée du Dr. Julien fundraising campaign this Christmas holiday season. So far, the

campaign has raised over \$842,000 (a 66% increase over the 2012 total) so that over 1200 underprivileged children in Montreal and their families can have a merry Christmas holiday. The campaign is run by the Fondation du Dr. Julien, a non-profit organization that helps over 2000 Montreal children and their families through its two Community Social Pediatrics centers and its Garage a musique. Sammy went by to en-

courage the volunteers who were raising money in the Cote des Neiges area, and he visited with some of the kids from the Centre communautaire de Côte-des-Neiges, where he presented a cheque for \$25,000 -- which represented his fee for a TV commercial that he shot -- towards the campaign.

The campaign is still looking for more new toys for boys, as well as gifts for children between

the ages of 6 and 10, and for teenagers, and monetary donations will be accepted until January 15, 2015. You can make a donation in four ways: by mobile by texting "DR-JULIEN" to 80100; on the phone by calling 1-855-DrJulien; online at www.guignoleedujulien.org; or by regular mail or in person at:

Fondation du Dr. Julien,
1601 Aylwin Street,
Montreal H1W 3B9

Murdock family running for dad



Murdock family with Heather Holmes

As many West Islanders gear up for a holiday season that won't be complete without a cornucopia of treats, indulgences and goodies, a Beaconsfield man is having visions of his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters running long distances in his honour dancing in his head this holiday season.

Beaconsfield resident Harold Murdock, who is experiencing late-stage kidney failure, gets dialysis treatments three days a week at the Lakeshore General Hospital, and his family has been so impressed by the care he has received there that they have embarked on an ambitious fundraising

project -- the end goal is \$5,000 -- called Dollars for Dialysis that will be earmarked to further upgrade the hospital's hemodialysis facilities. His son Danny, now residing in North Carolina, will run alongside his eldest daughter Britany in the Walt Disney World 'Dopey Challenge,' on four consecutive days in early January in Orlando. The pair will run in five- and ten-kilometre races, followed by a half-marathon (21.1 km) and a full marathon (46.2km) on Jan. 7 through 11. Danny's wife Kathryn and youngest daughter Heidi will also run in the five- and ten-kilometre events,

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