

*The Sian Bradwell Fund For Children With Cancer  
Le Fonds Sian Bradwell pour les enfants atteints du cancer*

*Montreal Children's Hospital Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants*

# LE FONDS SIAN BRADWELL

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### The Sian Bradwell Fund For Children With Cancer

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- ♥ started in 1987 but formally established on October 3rd, 1990 --- the sixth anniversary of Sian's birth --- to help children with cancer at the Montreal Children's Hospital (M.C.H.) through the purchase of medical equipment and other items deemed necessary for compassionate purposes and for better diagnosis and treatment (e.g. wigs for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, special gel mattresses to ease pain)
- ♥ funds are raised through
  - donations collected year-round. Tax receipts for online donations of any amount are sent within minutes.
  - Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament, held in Kirkland, Quebec
  - Sian Bradwell-West Island Lakers All-Star Weekend (Pointe Claire, Quebec)
  - StrikeOut Cancer bowling days in Burlington, Toronto and Montreal
  - sale of advertising space in the Fund's annual book
  - auction of items donated
  - other activities organised by volunteers (details at: [www.sianbradwell.com](http://www.sianbradwell.com))
- ♥ all activities are conducted by volunteers
- ♥ volunteers in Toronto started raising funds for the Hospital For Sick Children (H.S.C., also known as "SickKids Hospital") in 1991 and volunteers in Burlington started raising funds for the McMaster Children's Hospital in 2011
- ♥ over \$1,600,000 has been donated to the hospitals to purchase medical equipment

The Fund is named after the daughter of Ken and Sharon Bradwell. Sian (pronounced "shahn", her name is Welsh Gaelic and means "precious gift of God") died on March 15th, 1986 of a rare form of cancer, primitive neuroectodermal tumour, which doctors thought started in her pancreas and spread through her bloodstream. She was only 17 months old. The Tournament is a celebration of her life, and the hope that other children may be helped in their own struggles for life.





Juillet 2017

Chers amis du Children,

Il y a près de 28 ans avait lieu le tout premier tournoi de balle molle Sian Bradwell! Alors que vous êtes sûrement en train d'exercer votre œil au bâton en prévision de la 29e édition, nous souhaitons profiter de cette occasion pour remercier le Fonds Sian Bradwell.

Comme c'est la tradition depuis les tout débuts, les Bradwell et leur comité organisent cet événement avec beaucoup de détermination et de motivation. Chaque année, ils travaillent sans relâche pour honorer la mémoire de leur fille bien-aimée Sian. Un tel dévouement à aider les enfants malades est une source d'inspiration pour bien des gens.

L'an dernier, le tournoi et son groupe de bénévoles ont dépassé la marque record de 1,2 million \$ pour réaliser l'objectif de faire l'acquisition de moniteurs physiologiques pour le service d'hématologie-oncologie. Cette année, l'objectif est d'amasser de l'argent pour l'achat de pompes à perfusion, qui sont essentielles aux meilleurs soins en oncologie pour nos patients. En leur nom, celui de leur famille ainsi que celui des hommes et des femmes qui continuent de se dévouer pour offrir ce qu'il y a de mieux en matière de soins de santé pédiatriques, nous invitons nos amis et tous ceux qui croient au pouvoir de guérison de la générosité et de l'amour à se joindre à nous pour cet événement qui se déroulera sous le signe du divertissement.

Allez-y, frappez des coups sûrs, courez autour des sentiers et contribuez à décrocher encore plus de sourires – et à susciter un peu plus d'espoir – pour nos enfants.

Katrin Nakashima  
Présidente par interim

July 2017

Dear friends of the Children's,

It's already been 28 years since the inaugural Sian Bradwell Softball Tournament! As you get ready to load the bases for the 29th meet, we wish to take this opportunity to thank the Sian Bradwell Fund.

As they have from the beginning, the Bradwells and their committee organize this event with incredible determination and high spirits. Year after year, they work tirelessly to honour the memory of their beloved Sian. Such great dedication to helping sick children inspires so many.

Last year, the Tournament and its roster of volunteers surpassed the all-time \$1.2-million mark on the way to achieving the goal of acquiring physiological monitors for the Hematology-Oncology department. The goal this year is to raise money for infusion pumps, crucial to the continued best oncology care of our patients. In their name and that of their families and of the talented men and women who continue to dedicate themselves to providing only the best possible pediatric health care, we invite our friends and all who believe in the healing power of generosity and love to come join the fun.

Hit some balls, run a few bases and bring a few more smiles – and a little more hope – to our children.

Katrin Nakashima  
Interim President



# SIAN BRADWELL – WEST ISLAND LAKERS BASKETBALL ALL STAR WEEKEND

January 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Special thanks to all our volunteers, participants, donors and sponsors!*





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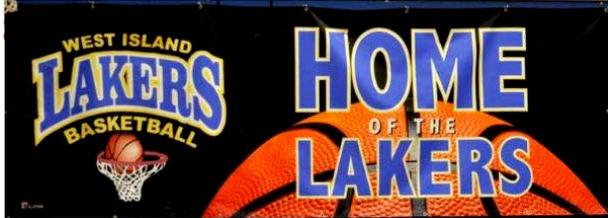
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## **Fier d'appuyer la fondation Sian Bradwell**

Merci pour tout ce que vous faites pour les enfants atteints du cancer





Annual Sian Bradwell /  
West Island Lakers All Star Weekend  
January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
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*Ken Bradwell*



*June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1952 – July 14<sup>th</sup> 2016*

# Sïan

Sïan (pronounced "SHAHN", hers is a Welsh Gaelic name which means 'precious gift of God') was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1984. Her mother found a lump on her foot on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1985, and after undergoing a series of diagnostic tests, was diagnosed as having a rare form of cancer called 'primitive neuroectodermal tumour' (PNT) in her spine, liver and foot. Normally a brain tumour, doctors thought it had started in her pancreas and spread through her bloodstream.



Sïan was treated with chemotherapy at the Montreal Children's Hospital and radiation at the Montreal General Hospital, since the Montreal Children's did not have the facilities at the time.

She responded well for a short time, but when it was evident that the drugs were not working any longer, she underwent radical abdominal surgery in early October of 1985, followed by an intensive course of radiation treatment.

On Christmas Day, 1985, doctors found that the tumours had re-appeared in her legs, jaw and elsewhere. Sïan underwent radiation treatment again, and since the regular chemotherapy 'protocol' did not work, she was treated with experimental drugs.

They did not work, either, and on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Sïan lost her battle. She was 17 months old.



**Best wishes from  
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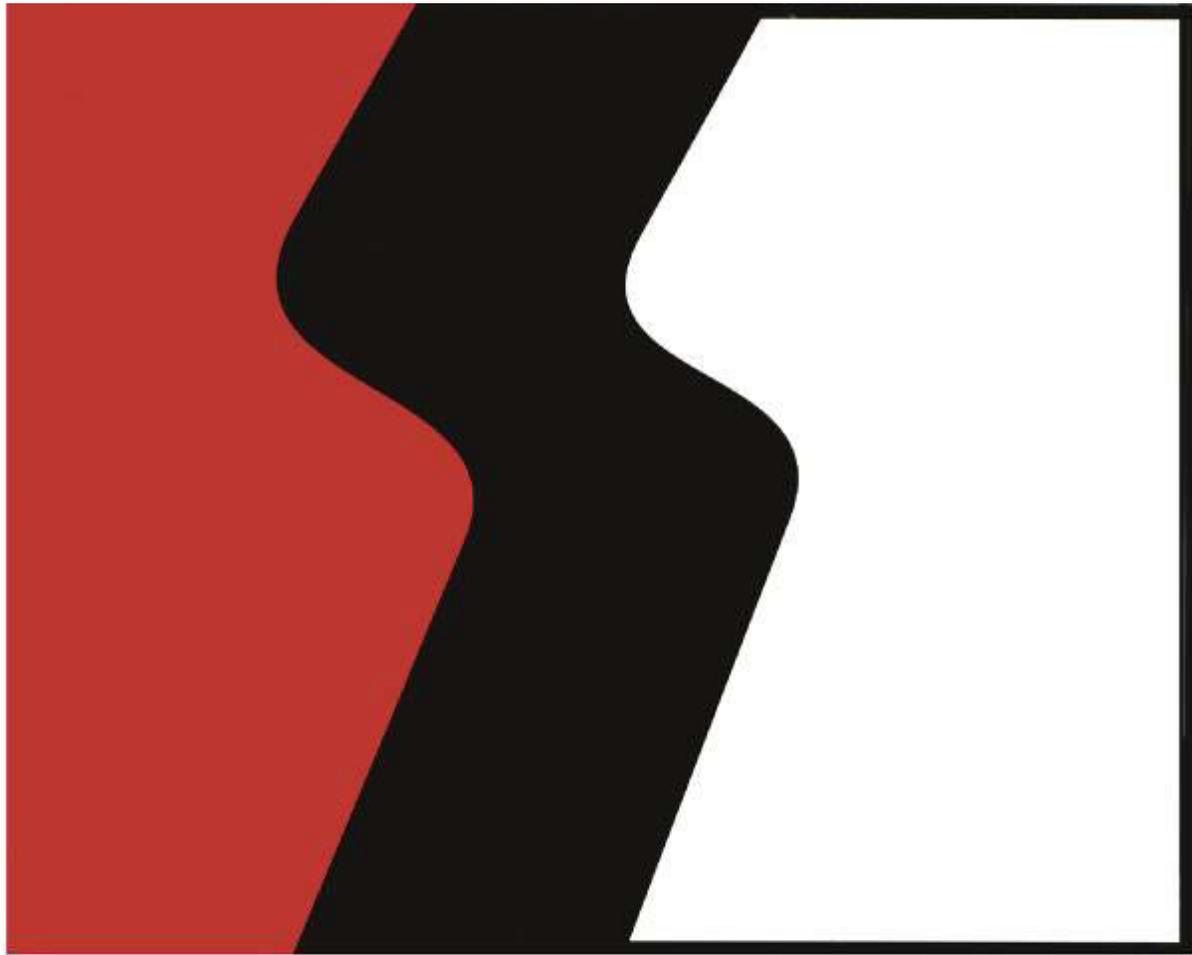


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