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MitoCanada announces partnership with Mito Quilts of Hope Project

The purpose of the “Quilts of Hope” Project is to raise public awareness of Mitochondrial Disease by educating talented quilters about this disease and having them make and donate quilts to patients. We will also raise awareness with anyone who sees the quilts. “The project was conceived by Christine Knox who has Mito herself and wanted to do something to help raise awareness of the disease,” says Vicky Spadoni, Executive Director. She began the project in August of 2013 and hopes that it will make a difference in the lives of other Mito patients. “MitoCanada thanks Christine for her vision and for coordinating this unique, but needed project. Often “mito” can affect a persons’ body temperatures so this is a wonderful initiative,” says Spadoni.

Every stitch will give hope for finding a treatment and eventually a cure of this disease while bringing warmth to someone who is very ill. “It is our goal to give a quilt to every person diagnosed with Mitochondrial Disease in Canada,” says Christine Knox, Project Coordinator. Mitochondrial Disease affects not only children, but adult onset is also very common.

If you are not a quilter but interested in supporting the project you can help in other ways;



By spreading information about Mitochondrial Disease to all you know so that this disease becomes as well-known as Cancer, Parkinsons, Diabetes, Alzheimer's and other major illnesses which are all related to mitochondrial malfunction.



If you wish to provide a donation to MitoCanada which supports patients and families coping with this disease please go to www.MitoCanada.org

The Mito Quilts of Hope Project is always looking for Quilters to join the team. The Project operates in both Canada and in the United States.

If you are a Canadian suffering from Mitochondrial Disease and would like to receive a quilt please register by visiting http://mitoquiltssofhope.org/?page_id=42



(Christine Knox, Project Coordinator displays one of the Mito Quilts)

Every 30 minutes a child is born that will develop a chronic disease like Mitochondrial Disease. Due to the complexity and challenges of diagnosis, and broad spectrum of symptoms, it is estimated that less than 10% of people affected receive a diagnosis. This disease robs those affected of their quality of life and is often terminal. To date there is **no cure for Mitochondrial Disease**, and only minimal treatments are available.

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