

## Fundraiser Saturday night for Clayton woman

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Last Tuesday, Dec. 3, word came that donor lungs had been located for a Clayton resident suffering from pulmonary fibrosis, a chronic disease that results in scarring of the lungs.

In the early hours of Dec. 4, 33-year-old Dew Rotor received a double-lung transplant at Toronto General Hospital (TGH), the undisputed world leader in lung transplantation. Dew's surgeon told family that she would have lived only a few days more had she not had the surgery.

According to Rotor family friend Terry Garwood, Dew will be in hospital for a few more weeks - until she is stable. In addition, TGH requires that she live in Toronto for a minimum of three months post transplant.

Dew's sole support is her mother, Leslirae Rotor. The pair has very limited financial resources. Leslirae has no income and has used up her personal resources over the last few years being Dew's full-time caregiver. Dew is living on a small disability pension.

A fundraiser, presented by People First of Lanark County (PFoLC) and the Life4Dew Committee, takes place on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Carleton Place Arena (upstairs hall), located at 75 Neelin St.

Admission is a minimum \$10 donation to the cause.

A handful of the area's top entertainers will perform: Brea Lawrenson, GT and the Earthtones (George Turcotte), Johnny Spinks, Brent King and Lyle Dillabough.

The night's emcee is Carleton Place Coun. Jerry Flynn.

Other highlights include a silent auction (cash only), door prizes and refreshments.

"We have some wonderful silent auction items," said Manon Lépine, PFoLC president.

Items include a gift certificate for one night's accommodation for two at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel (with breakfast) and two tickets to a performance of Heartbeat of Home, the new dance musical from the creators of Riverdance, at the Ed Mirvish Theatre. There is also a gift certificate for one night's accommodation for two (with breakfast) at The Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, along with the tickets to Heartbeat of Home.

"The list goes on," said Lépine. The Life4Dew fundraiser is a licensed event. Therefore, guests must be 19 years of age or older.

"Dew and Leslirae thank everyone for their support, donations, kind words and prayers," Garwood said. "You have made a difference in Dew's spirit, giving her the strength to fight as she continues on this journey."

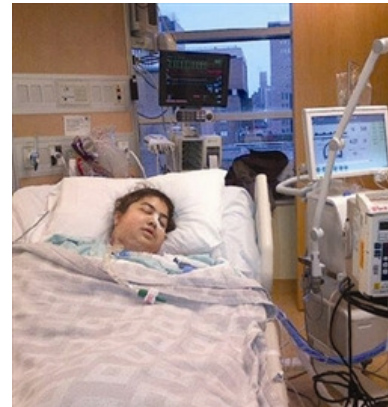
Community support The Almonte Civitan Club, a member of the Liaison Committee in Mississippi Mills, has made a donation of \$2,000 to the Rotor family. Other members include The Hub, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 240, Almonte Lions Club, Mills Community Support Corporation, Town of Mississippi Mills and Almonte United Church.

"The Hub has made a donation of \$1,000," Rene Poirier said.

Poirier is a member of the Civitan club.

He said the Liaison Committee works collaboratively to address unmet needs of residents of Mississippi Mills.

To donate or for more information about Dew, visit [www.Life4Dew.ca](http://www.Life4Dew.ca).



*Dew Rotor of Clayton, at the age of 33, following her double-lung transplant at the Toronto General Hospital on Dec. 4.*