

## Ashlie Drake fundraiser a success

The Ashlie Drake Benefit Concert has come and gone. The concert was a sellout with 220 people in attendance. St. John's United Church in Alliston was the venue for the concert.

The concert raised over \$9,000. Including donations the committee has raised over \$20,000 for the Ashlie Drake Benefit Fund thanks to the support of the people and businesses in the community.

The evening consisted of music entertainment, pie auction and bake sale. The Dodington Youth Singers, John Dodington, Dogflower, Beeton Creek Rising, Daniel Panetta and Naomi Bristow all provided topnotch entertainment.

One of the highlights of the evening was singer Daniel Panetta, who just returned from a two-month singing tour of Europe. Daniel was given a standing ovation by the audience at the end of his performance. All performers donated their time. MC for the evening was Naomi Bristow.

The pie auction and bake sale were also successful with over \$2,000 being raised. Mayor Rick Milne did a superb job with the pie auction with some pies going as high as \$100.

Ashlie and family members were in attendance and Ashlie spoke to the audience thanking them for their support. At this time Ashlie continues with rehab in Toronto.

For the Drake family the biggest challenge will be home renovations to meet Ashlie's needs. Costs will be a big factor which makes fundraising important in achieving the goal of proper facilities for Ashlie.

Donations can be made to the Ashlie Drake Benefit fund at the Royal Bank Beeton or [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) ?

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The Ashlie Drake Benefit Concert Committee would like to thank all concert sponsors, ticket supporters, prize donors, those providing bake goods, those making personal donations and the people who volunteered their time at the concert. The committee would also like to thank the St. John's United Church for co-hosting the event and providing the venue for the concert.

**George Stamper**

**Chair**

**Ashlie Drake Benefit Concert Committee**