



## Inspired to Make a Difference

The Toronto Academy of Dentistry's (TAD) favoured charity, Holland Bloorview, is Canada's largest children's rehabilitation hospital offering children with disabilities a chance to live normal lives.

This year's TAD Annual Golf Tournament in support of the Kids at Holland-Bloorview proved a great success! Over \$32,000 was raised this year alone. Dr. Novack wishes to thank all attendees, the TAD Golf Committee and Wooden Sticks for making this day so very special.

In recognition of his long standing commitment to the hospital, Dr. Novack was interviewed for an article now appearing in Holland-Bloorview's Annual Report to Donors. Below we have added the article titled **"Inspired to make a difference"** which highlights Dr. Novack leadership.

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There is a reason Dr. Phil Novack devotes his time to chairing Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation's longest running third party fundraiser. He is inspired by his committee members who put so much time and effort into helping to change the world for kids with disabilities, and he is inspired by the kids, staff and volunteers at Holland Bloorview who are breaking down barriers. Dr. Novack has co-chaired and chaired the Toronto Academy of Dentistry's Annual Golf Classic for six years, and has been active with the committee for ten. The Golf Classic has raised funds for Holland Bloorview for more than 30 years.

"Our committee members sincerely care," says Dr. Novack. "They rush after work to attend meetings, often missing dinner. For them it is a labor of love. They understand that in order to be successful in their efforts, Holland Bloorview succeeds in having the facilities and funds to help more kids who have severe disabilities."



The Annual Golf Classic raises money for Holland Bloorview's dental services. These services include general pediatric dentistry for kids with disabilities, and cleft lip and palate dentistry. For Dr. Novack, these services touch close to home. He is a Periodontist who helps restore dental function for his patients.

"What I do is mirrored in a small way to what is being done every day at Holland Bloorview," says Dr. Novack who took a tour of the facility. "The dedication of the staff, the excellent technology available to help patients, and the teaching component really resonated with me."

Dr. Novack's son Aaron volunteered at Holland Bloorview. He remembers him helping a child with cerebral palsy, who was deaf and blind, learn to swim in Holland Bloorview's pool. "I watched Aaron work with the kids," says Dr. Novack. "I believe you get much more out of life when you work with young individuals who really require so much help. The team at Holland Bloorview has helped dramatically improve the lives of the kids they serve. It is very humbling to be part of that." The annual golf event is close to the \$500,000 mark, a milestone that Dr. Novack would like to celebrate during his tenure as Chair.

"The more people who learn about the incredible efforts and achievements of Holland Bloorview, the more they step up to the plate to make a lasting difference. I can see us continuing to support Holland Bloorview for many years to come."

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