



## **Make Your Mark Fund in Memory of Kayla Chadwick launches at the Guelph Community Foundation to raise money for Epilepsy and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy**

**Guelph, Ontario – Thursday, March 25, 2021** - The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is pleased to announce a new fund launching on Epilepsy Awareness Day. Friday, March 26 will recognize a day to wear purple in order to raise awareness about Epilepsy and vital funds for local programming.

On Friday, March 26, a new fund is being launched by the family of Kayla Chadwick called the Make Your Mark Foundation in Memory of Kayla Chadwick. All money raised from this fund will go to support local families living with Epilepsy and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP).

On December 12, 2019, Kayla suffered a seizure in the middle of the night, one she was unable to overcome. Sadly, Kayla passed away in her sleep at the age of 10. Although never formally diagnosed with Epilepsy, it was determined that she had passed away from SUDEP.

Kayla touched the lives of so many, family, friends and through her love of dance in Guelph and beyond. She was a beautiful and happy young girl, whose infectious smile could light up any room and bring joy to those around her. She danced her way into the hearts of so many, displaying her amazing feats of strength and determination. Kayla accomplished a great deal in a short time. She was an extraordinary girl who stood out to everyone. Kayla was a tiny girl with an enormous heart; she was passionate, driven and brave.

This fund was created in memory of Kayla by her family – her mother Geri McIver, her father Scott Chadwick and her brother Tyler Chadwick. They hope by [sharing Kayla's story](#), they can raise awareness, and help educate others about Epilepsy and SUDEP.

To make a donation and learn more, please visit the [online donation page](#).

On Friday, March 26, Market Square in downtown Guelph will be lit in purple to honour all those lost and living with Epilepsy.

**About the Guelph Community Foundation:**

Founded in 2000, the Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. Currently, the Foundation manages \$13.6 million in funds and has distributed \$6 million to more than 950 community programs. For more information on how you can invest for community impact, please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca).

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