A heartfelt thank you from Nancy McClure

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A tearful Nancy McClure was overwhelmed by the kindness shown at Friday night’s spaghetti supper event held on May 13, in aid of Nancy who suffers from Moyamoya disease. Funds raised will help Nancy with expenses as she travels to Kingston, Ontario for surgery this week on May 19. According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/moyamoya/moyamoya.htm) Moyamoya disease is a rare, progressive cerebrovascular disorder caused by blocked arteries at the base of the brain in an area called the basal ganglia. The name “moyamoya” means “puff of smoke” in Japanese and describes the look of the tangle of tiny vessels formed to compensate for the blockage. Moyamoya disease was first described in Japan in the 1960s and it has since been found in individuals in the other countries around the world; its incidence is higher in Asian countries than in Europe or North America. The disease primarily affects children, but it can also occur in adults.

“Government will help to cover the hospital fees,” explains McClure, “but they will not cover the surgery which will cost approximately, $5000.00. The funds raised at this event plus donations received will cover most if not all of the costs.”

Nancy extends a huge THANK YOU to those who organized the supper, donated to the bake sale and those who provided items for the silent auction. Groups including the Fish and Game Club who donated $500.00 as well as SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) that donated $300.00 and private donations from kind individuals added to the amount raised.

As Nancy leaves for Ontario and her surgery, she can now concentrate not on the debt that she might be left with as she recuperates but instead with the knowledge that her community, family and friends have surrounded her with love and support. This truly is the best medicine.