



GRAND ROUNDS

They say that young boys want to take care of their moms, and in the case of Dane Brumm that saying suits him perfectly. It just so happens that the oncology unit at the Renfrew Victoria Hospital is also benefiting from Dane's caring nature.

After his mother, Elizabeth Brumm, was diagnosed with cancer in mid-September 2007, the 11-year-old wanted to do something to help her through the chemo treatments.

"I just wanted to help her get through her cancer quicker," he says. "And help everybody else with cancer too."

He originally wanted to participate in the Relay for Life with Elizabeth and her older children, but he was too young. So he came up with another idea.

As the goalie for the Renfrew Timberwolves Atom team, Dane knew he was capable of one thing—getting a few shut-outs during the hockey season. So he asked his dad if he'd be willing to give him money for each game he played without any goals scored on him. For

each shut-out, his father, Dan, who is an assistant coach for the team, agreed to give him \$20.

"I thought I'd only get five or six," figured Dane. But the net-minder managed to rack up 16 shut-outs, the last of which was during the final playoff game. The youngster not only beat the goal he had set for himself, he beat the old record of 15 shut-outs during a season for a Timberwolf goalie.

It wasn't long before the team heard about Dane's deal with his dad and decided to join him in supporting Elizabeth and RVH. The parents all decided to chip in 25 cents for each goal the team scored, and one dollar for each shut-out game. Half of the money collected went to help the team and the other half, approximately \$300, was donated to RVH.

"If I'd been having a rough day or had just finished some treatments, Dane would come to me the morning of a game and say 'I'm going to get your shut-out today mom,'" says the Renfrew resident and mother of five children.

"He'd get his mind set to it and he'd go out and do it," she adds. "That's his way of helping me through."

At the end of the season, Dane was able to proudly give a cheque for \$320 to RVH.

"This is a first class act," says RVH CEO Randy Penney. "He's a pretty amazing kid."

"What Dane wants is what we all want—for Elizabeth to regain her strength

and live a long, healthy life," Penney adds. "I've been here for 15 years and I've never seen anything like it. This is quite an amazing athletic accomplishment, beside the monetary contribution he's making to RVH."

"I'm so proud of him," says his mom. "There are so many things that he could have done, or other kids his age would have done with that money, but he wanted to give it to the hospital to help patients like me."



Eleven-year-old Dane Brumm was joined by his proud father and mother, Dan and Elizabeth Brumm, when he presented his cheque to RVH CEO Randy Penney recently.