

September 19, 2024

To the members of the West Grey Council,

I am reaching out to you with a request that holds significant importance. We, as a community, are organizing a one-day benefit baseball tournament to support a local family in need. I kindly ask for the ball diamond fee to be waived for this event, as it will allow us to maximize the funds raised for the Wood family.

The Wood family have been part of the community for many years now. Brad, Christina, Clay and Emily Wood are the most caring, giving and kind family I know. They were hit with earth-shattering news back in December of 2023 that Emily (15 at the time) had terminal brain cancer.

This girl is a determined warrior that has undergone many hospital stays and surgery to kick cancer's butt! She is not done with the fight; once she regains strength, she will go to New York to participate in a clinical trial.

***This is the story of Emily Wood.***

She has always been a strong, independent, determined young lady who loves baseball. After playing years of minor ball in Durham, she secured a spot for the Palmerston Marlins. She has one of the biggest hearts I know, and besides baseball, her second passion is animals, so much so that her nickname for those who know her well is Dr. Dolittle.

I ask that you, as council, take this to your next vote to help raise funds for a local family in need.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Melissa Pegelo