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Cancer Care Foundation Releases new Teen Brochure “*Someone I Love Has Cancer* – written by teens for teens”

St. John’s, NL: Today the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation proudly releases “**Someone I Love Has Cancer**”—an informational, myth busting pamphlet written for by teens for teens. The project was initiated by Social Worker Carolyn Jones and her teen support group “**OMG**” at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, in response to the teens’ view that the amount of information available was not targeted to a young person, and a simplified, straightforward resource would be helpful. It was also done as a way to reach teens who could not access the group-as they knew there were other teens out there in similar situations.

OMG developed this resource after realizing that teens could benefit from the experiences of other young people. The pamphlet contains important information about coping mechanisms, changes to be expected in the family, and where you can go for help.

One to the teens who helped write the brochures, Haley, says “it was a wonderful experience to be a part of something that can help other teens in the same situation that I was in.”

“Our organization is proud to sponsor the **OMG** teen support group,” says Lynette Hillier, Executive Director of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation. “We recognize that the ability for these young people to get together and do fun activities once a month and talk about how cancer is impacting on them and their families is a fantastic resource. When they approached us with the idea of creating their own brochure we were happy to lend them support to make it a reality.”

These colourful, simple brochures are immediately available at the Cancer Centre, but are also being widely distributed to schools and physician’s office across Newfoundland and Labrador. If you belong to a group or organization that could benefit from this resource, please call the Foundation office at 777-8707.

“Someone I Love Has a Cancer” is a project of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation and the Social Work Department, made possible by the generous printing support of Newfoundland Power. **To see a copy of the brochure please visit: www.cancercarefoundation.nl.ca**

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation develops, stewards and distributes charitable resources to enhance treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, fund local cancer research initiatives and provides continuing education opportunities for staff of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and affiliated cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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