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7th Annual January Thaw Equine Expo continues to support the Children's Wish Foundation

Fredericton, NB – *January 8, 2014* – “This is our seventh year organizing this event,” said volunteer coordinator Karen Thomas. “Every year it is a little different - with different exhibitors and different demonstrations. But, from the beginning we have supported the Children's Wish Foundation with every increasing contributions. We would like to raise enough money to fund one complete wish this year - and that would be \$10,000.”

Jason Ellsworth is the Development Coordinator, Community Events, for The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, New Brunswick Chapter. He said, “January Thaw has been a wonderful event in so many ways for Children's Wish. Over the years it has grown into an event that both brings awareness to the Foundation and raises funds to help grant wishes to children with life threatening illnesses.

“The Foundation is working on over 60 wishes across the province, at an average cost of \$8,000-\$10,000 a wish. And, without community events like the January Thaw, Children's Wish would not be able to grant the wishes that we do. The Foundation is incredibly blessed to be working with such a giving and charitable group of people.”

Brenda Nason, another of the volunteer coordinators, said, “I have been involved with this project since the beginning. For me, it is as simple as giving back to a community that has given me so much through the years... our equine community. When Karen and I looked for a charity to support we thought that we were both blessed with healthy children but there were many that were not, hence our choice of the Children's Wish Foundation. My goal is to hopefully make enough money to provide for an entire wish !!! \$10,000.

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and with everyone's help and some good weather we can do this! We have many new exhibitors and the look is changing. We are thankful for everyone that is helping do this."

Kelly Laforge joined the committee this year and said, "It is a wonderful feeling to be able to help out with this event, and raise funds for such a worth while cause. I am very excited to be working with the January Thaw team to host a spectacular family event, where the community comes together and supports the Children's Wish Foundation."

The one-day exhibition is held at the Fredericton Exhibition Centre from 9:a.m. - 5:p.m. Admission is only a Toonie (\$2) with the profits from the event going to support the Children's Wish Foundation. Exhibitors range from tack shops and horse trailer sales to artists, breed and sport clubs, associations, cosmetics and more. There is something for everyone, whether you are into horses or not. Some exhibitors will be offering demonstrations ranging from equine nutrition to how to take a good horse photo.

The annual January Thaw Equine Expo is an event that the entire horse community in New Brunswick looks forward to. It's a chance to see people you haven't seen since the summer and find out what events and activities are coming up for this season, once old man winter vacates!

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