

# Facing Forward



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## "For the Concert of Life, No One Has a Programme"

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our dear friends and long time volunteer and supporter of AboutFace, Ms. Becky Thomson. Becky was a dedicated advocate of AboutFace for over 25 years. She reached out for support during a difficult time in her life and in doing so, she found the courage and passion to help others.

Becky worked tirelessly to raise awareness, to advocate for individuals with facial differences, and to provide support to others facing similar challenges.

For over 50 years, Becky battled cancer; first breast cancer, then skin cancer on her nose and cheek. Being the eternal optimist that she was, Becky turned her journey into a legacy of support and inspiration for others through her dedication to AboutFace.

In her earlier years with AboutFace, Becky went into the community and hospitals talking to patients and comforting them. She was living proof that the human spirit can overcome all challenges. She was a media magnet and loved talking about her journey and the source of her strength, her prescription for living, as she would call it: attitude. Becky had the most unique attitude, and in many circumstances it carried her through some of the most difficult times. She never shied away from interacting with others and she did it with kindness, humour, compassion, gentleness and music. Always music! Becky loved music! It was another one of her great passions as well as hockey and the Toronto Maple Leafs. She was an adamant fan and liked to tell us how she was there live when the Leafs won their last Stanley Cup!

Last year, in honour of Becky and her 25 years of service with AboutFace, the organization established the Becky Thomson Hope Fund. The goal was to allow AboutFace to continue offering support and inspiration to adults, who like Becky, are faced with a life changing experience.

Today we honour her memory by celebrating her life! She was a dear friend to many, she was a self appointed surrogate mother to many young musicians, and she relished in a good sing along and celebration.

Becky will be remembered for her spirit, her love, and kindness. She will be greatly missed by all, especially her family, close friends, and all of us at AboutFace.

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**Please take the time to read Becky's inspirational story which she was generous enough to share with us.**

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**Give a gift in honour of Becky's life to support the Becky Thomson Hope Fund which will continue her legacy and help give support to adults with facial differences.**

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*A service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of Becky Thomson will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2737 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, on Saturday, March 08, 2014 at 11am followed by Lunch and Refreshments at the Church. Donations in lieu of flowers are welcome at [www.aboutface.ca](http://www.aboutface.ca).*