

VIGIL & OUTDOOR FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020
IN SUPPORT OF THE KIMBERLEY FUND

Local family asks for community donations for sister-in-law on life support

For immediate release: AUGUST 10, 2020, COBOURG, ON --The Kimberley Fund, with the support of the Town of Cobourg are hosting an outdoor fundraising outdoor event at Victoria Park on Saturday, August 22 starting at 10 AM followed by a silent vigil and walk along King Street in Cobourg to support their sister-in-law, Kimberley Black, who is fighting for her life in hospital after being brutally assaulted in a Whitby, Ontario park on July 28, 2020.

“Kimberley was out for a walk in the early evening in her neighborhood when she was attacked, brutally beaten, and left for dead. She sustained multiple life-threatening injuries that will require medical procedures, treatments and therapy to assist with her long recovery. We are asking anyone who wishes to help Kimberley to please come out to the fundraiser and show her our love and support,” says Catherine Dunphy, (Kimberley’s sister-in-law) speaking on behalf of the family.

Organizers have planned a two-part event that begins with an all ages yoga session in Victoria Park at 10 AM led by local instructor Alaria Ritchie, followed by a silent vigil and walk along King Street starting at 11:30 AM and concluding in front of Cobourg Police Services building (107 King St West, Cobourg). All COVID-19 protocols and safety measures will be in place - including physical distancing markers in Victoria Park. Participants are asked to wear non-medical masks and maintain safe distances during the vigil and silent walk.

“We felt it was important to support this initiative to add our voices in the fight to end violence against women,” says Councillor Emily Chorley. “Safe physical distancing and other additional measures will be taken to ensure the safety of our community,” she adds.

Kimberley a mother, wife, teacher, and community volunteer, is especially interested in the promotion of women’s personal growth and development. She founded “Intro by Videos” to help those seeking employment develop video communication skills, and was recognized for her efforts by Durham College who named her ‘social media ambassador’. She is in the process of completing her Master’s degree in Education.

If you wish to support Kimberley with a financial donation, CIBC Cobourg branch is accepting donations you can also email thekimberleyfund@gmail.com for more information.

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Kimberley's family would like to thank all those who have donated and the volunteers, community organizations, friends, and extended family that have contributed to the fund and sent in their messages of support. We would especially like to thank the Town of Cobourg, Mayor John Henderson and Alaria Ritchie for their event support.



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