Let's Bring Zach Home

A recent accident involving a young man who resides in the community of Seeley's Bay has impacted many and reminds us how quickly life can throw us a curve ball and the importance of banding together and helping those in need.

Zach Elliott had just turned 18 and was graduating from Rideau District High School with a dream of becoming a Commercial Pilot, and on June 13, 2013 he was involved in a tragic car accident and has been left paralyzed from the waist down. Zach is well known in the area, to many he may only be known as the extremely tall, polite, young lad with a big smile that has worked behind the meat counter at the local store for the last three years. However there is so much more to Zach, he was an honor student at RDHS, he had a love for music early on and played the drums and guitar in a band with several other local young lads from RDHS, his love for music was carried on when he joined the Shiloh church and became involved playing at church services. But for those of us that know him best it was his sense of family, and his love of flying that he learned from his Grandfather. Before getting his driver's license at age 16, Zach had already accomplished something that many of us would never be able to do; he clocked enough flying hours and got his Recreational Pilot's license. Then in April 2013, while still 17 years old, he obtained his Private Pilot's license. Prior to the accident he had just started working at the Kingston Airport as the Line Crew and he had done some aerial photography for the Kingston Fun Flyers.

Zach is a very determined young man and an inspiration for many, his faith keeps him strong and he hopes if possible to be the first paraplegic Commercial Pilot in Canada.

The community of Seeley's Bay wants to stand behind this young man and help reach his goal. Currently Zach is in Saint Mary's of the Lake rehab hospital in Kingston and will be faced with months of hard work before being able to come home and regain his life. He and his family will require assistance with this and our goal as a community is to help offset any additional costs the Elliott's will have.

On Saturday October 12, 2013 *"two events in one night"* will be held at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall.

A "Band Jam and Dance" will be held upstairs and a "Silent and Live Auction" will be held downstairs.

We are asking local businesses, and community members for your support to help make this event a success, donations of new auction able items/services or cash will help make this happen. Together we can make a difference.

Donations for this event can be given to any member of the organizing committee and should be made by October 5, 2013 to help make it a success.

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