# TURNER SYNDROME SOCIETY OF CANADA

🞗 Edmonton Chapter 🎗



### What is Turner Syndrome?

Turner Syndrome is a chromosomal condition that affects only 1 in 2000-2500 girls and women. It occurs when one of the X chromosomes is either missing or incomplete.

Check out this <u>video</u>!

Turner Syndrome comes with a variety of different health concerns. You can find out more or access local resources at www.turnersyndrome.ca or by emailing edmonton@turnersyndrome.ca

## **Meet Our New Board of Directors**

Senior Adviser: President: Vice President: Treasurer: Secretary: Parent Liaison:

Baseball Tournament Coordinator: Jean Stewart Kayla Park Kristy Aussant Ann Garnett Lori Giles Nick Park Joe Aussant

Terry Aussant

Newsletter Managers: Crystal King, Hannah Dubé



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:









Our **3rd Annual Turner Syndrome BUDS & BUTTERFLIES WALK** was a roaring success! Held at Dunluce, Community Hall, it was attended by so many TS

families and supporters! We raised an incredible \$7730!

Thank you to our organizers and volunteers!



The Edmonton Chapter of the Turner syndrome Society of Canada is looking for volunteers willing to mentor young ladies with Turner syndrome.

Girls are between the ages of 4-16 and would benefit from a oneon-one friendship with a positive role-model. This role model will encourage our girls to achieve success in their daily lives, while assisting them in overcoming the challenges specific to Turner syndrome.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or have a daughter who would benefit from this sort of program please contact <u>Kayla Park.</u>

## September's SPOTLIGHT on a LEADER:



### Introducing our Baseball Tournament Coordinator:

My name is Terry Aussant, I am the grandmother of Emily Aussant who has Turner Syndrome.

We were informed of her condition prior to her birth and were blessed when she came into the world. Our little Emily is a real trooper she is smaller than the average 3 year old girl, that does not stop her from doing things, her determination and pleasant demeanour has proven that no matter what challenges one is born with they can still live life to the fullest.

Me, like many others never heard of Turner Syndrome until Emily was born. I had no knowledge of what these little girls face as they grow nor did I know there was an organization that supported this cause.

I started being involved with the Edmonton Chapter last year when my eldest son decided to host a ball tournament last year in "Emily's" honour. I had the opportunity to work more closely with the board members, they were a great group of people to work with, their dedication and volunteered hours made this event such a success that we are once again are hosting another tournament this year to help support the Edmonton Chapter. So if you have any extra time to help out with this ball tournament of any other event please join us as "volunteers" play a large roll in making all organizations a success.

I chose to join the Turner Syndrome Society of Canada (Edmonton Chapter) in order to help support and assist the other board members. I have been on other boards in the past and wanted to share some of my knowledge. Being a board member with any organizations does face its challenges whether it is attending meetings, seminars, setting up events, fund raisers, raffles and the list goes on and on. We are fortunate that we have a great group of people on the board right now but with any organization the positions do come available and they are always looking for new people to join a introduce new ideas. So if you are interested in helping the Edmonton Chapter don't be afraid to come forward as it is not always work as there are also appreciation events for families to attend along with many rewards. In closing I would like to thank the Edmonton Chapter for their dedication and look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming years.