

# Turnbull fund tops \$64,000

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The Barbara Turnbull Fund totals almost \$64,000 with four separate fund-raising ventures undertaken by members of the community.

Denise Olmstead, chairperson of fund-raising for the Toronto-Dominion Bank fund, said the bank accounts now holds \$41,019 but once money from weekend dances comes in, it should be significantly more.

Parents Without Partners, along with some members of Olmstead's committee, raised over \$2,000 at a dance at the Clarkson Community Centre Friday night. A Saturday dance, also held at the community centre, was sponsored by some concerned parents and neighbors of Barbara's and they raised almost \$7,500.

Olmstead said the committee plans to hold a Barbara Turnbull Day at the Eaton Centre, Square One, Yorkdale shopping Plaza, Sheridan Mall, Sherway Gardens, South Common Mall, Cloverdale Mall and Oakville Place. Displays will be set up and students will be collecting money for the paralyzed girl and her family's expenses.

Olmstead said she would also like to dispell rumors that Barbara is breathing on her own and talking. The girl has made some progress and is taking therapy to help her take a few breaths on her own in the morning but friends and family members still have to communicate with her by lip-reading.

"But those things will come — I'm confident of that," she said.

Meanwhile, Barbara's fellow students at Clarkson Secondary School have raised over \$13,000 for her.