



Karate tournament remembers Tali

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At just three years of age, Tali Doron faced brain cancer with courage.

So a friendly competition of courage seems the appropriate venue to help raise money in support of paediatric brain tumour research and family support.

Energy Karate is hosting a tournament in Thornhill Sunday for Tali's Fund to benefit the Sick Kids Foundation.

"It will be a day of friendly competition where every student will come out feeling like a champion," said Energy Karate senior instructor, Sensei Pablo Grossi. "Students will have to be brave and perform their karate in front of an audience by themselves."

This is the second year that Energy Karate has come together to support Tali's Fund. Last year's efforts raised more than \$8,000 Grossi said. The Vaughan martial arts school is determined to top that number this year with help from students. All participating students will receive a trophy to reward their courage.

Brain tumours are the greatest cause of cancer-related deaths in children. Tali was born June 10, 2003. The family learned Tali had a brain tumour three years later.

Through chemotherapy and surgery, Tali continued to demonstrate love for life, family and friends, though despite her courage and strength of will, she passed away Aug. 26, 2007.

Family and friends established Tali's Fund to raise proceeds and awareness. More than \$65,000 has been raised so far.

Information regarding Tali's Fund can be obtained at www.taldoron.com

Good to know:

Energy Karate is at 1101 Rutherford Road Thornhill. Energy Karate Board Friendship Tournament times May 16: White to Green Belts - 11:00-11:30 am; Blue and Advance Blue Belts - 11:45-12:15 pm; Purple to Black Belts - 3:30-4:15 pm.

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