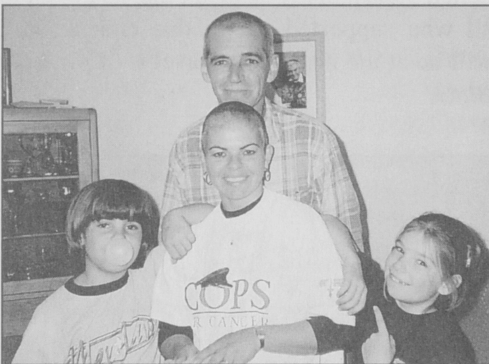




Six out of the nine HQ Customs & Excise Branch members joined this worthwhile cause on April 28; the following Monday morning, bald-headed members were the obvious majority in the office. (L-R): Sgt. John St-Amand, Supt. Rod Smith, Sgts Alain Giroux, Mike Ouellette, Ray Houle and Ed Daley.

"I first heard about Cops for Cancer through my co-worker Sgt. Mike Ouellette who thought it was a great cause. I then challenged him to participate by having his hair cut and if he were to, I would do the same. We all have friends or relatives that we lost through cancer; we also remember the ones that were successfully treated for this terrible sickness. Through this event, I wanted to give a sense of hope, that one day cancer will be a thing of the past." — *Sgt. Alain Giroux*

"I wanted to take part in the Cops for Cancer event for two reasons. The first is because cancer is a truly horrible disease which affects so many; my own father died of stomach cancer when I was 22. Also, as this



For PSE Carmen Chabot, Immigration and Federal Branch, this fundraiser was a personal challenge — having lost family members and a very dear friend to this dreaded disease — and she raised close to \$2,000. Carmen, who had been canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society for a number of years already, would like to thank her co-workers, her neighbours and the businesses who sponsored her in her community of Clarence Creek, Ont., as well as family members and friends (L-R): daughter Erica, friend Victoria and husband, Bob, for their support.

year is an important milestone for the RCMP — our 125th anniversary — it seemed appropriate to find some way to honour this. Participating in Cops for Cancer allowed me to make, not only a small contribution to my community as a token of thanks for letting the Force play the role it has, but it also helped a great cause." — *C/M Colleen Gareau*

"Many of us have suffered personal losses or watched some of our friends and co-workers struggle with a variety of ailments. We can comfort, we can sympathize and we can try to do something about it. For me, Cops For Cancer was both a small personal challenge and an impressive tribute to what can be accomplished when many caring people muster their efforts. I must also tip my hat (which does not fit so well lately) to the organizers, participants and my peers for their individual contributions." — *Insp. Staphan Roberge*

"Cops for Cancer is a highly commendable fundraiser," said RCMP Commissioner Phil Murray. "I hope the RCMP's participation will significantly increase the impact of this program on those who need our help the most."

Brian Ford, Chief of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service, said his employees were also pleased to participate in this event. "Members of the OCRPS and many members of the community have been affected by the pain of cancer in our lives," said Chief Ford. "We must all work together to do all we can to help in the challenge to fight this disease." ♦