



**“Second Annual Rachael’s Music by the Bay”
Scholarship Fundraiser Slated for July 10, 3pm,
Bate's Farm, Belleisle Bay, Kings Co., NB**

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For immediate release

On July 10, family and friends of the late Rachael Duffley are organizing the second annual afternoon benefit concert, “Rachael’s Music by the Bay”, at Bates Farm on Belleisle Bay, near the Belleisle ferry landing. It will feature The Watermen, Debbie Harrity, Crossroads and Suspects. Proceeds will augment the Rachael Dawn Duffley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Many individuals, community groups and musicians are donating time, talent, goods and services to the cause. The musical afternoon falls two years after the tragic accident which claimed the promising young university student and athlete who loved music.

Rachael Dawn Duffley grew up in Kiersteadville, on Belleisle Bay, the oldest daughter of Mark and Lynn Ann (Jennings) Duffley. The High Honours graduate from Belleisle Regional High was frequently recognized for her contributions to the school community through her involvement in sports, student activities, fund-raising events, student council, and tutoring. Rachael’s abilities as a leader and talented athlete won her the admiration of her large extended family, friends and teammates.

St. Francis Xavier University, where she had completed her Freshman year, recognized Rachael’s scholarly success with an entrance scholarship and Award of Merit. Her talent for rugby won her the respect and interest of fans and players. She was a member of the Belleisle Rugby Club, the St. Francis Xavier University Women’s Rugby team, the NB U-19 and Black Caps women’s programs, and the Saint John Trojans.

On July 6, 2008, Rachael’s life was taken away in a tragic car accident. The loss was strongly felt not only by her family, but by her community, local sports associations and the Atlantic Canadian rugby communities. Rachael’s family has established the Rachael Dawn Duffley Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Greater Saint John Community Foundation as a lasting memorial to her commitment to family, youth, education, sport and the Greater Saint John area. Graduates of Belleisle Regional High School, entering post-secondary education institutions and demonstrating academic success, leadership qualities, extracurricular/community/athletic involvement, and financial need are eligible for the scholarship. The first award of \$1,000, went to Kirby Lynn Morrill, who played rugby with Rachael Duffley. The 2010 winner is Shawnee Totton.

The three hour, outdoor benefit concert goes rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 and available at Easy Kleen Pressure Wash, Sussex, on the Belleisle: Valley View Sales, Bates Landing, in Hampton: Carquest, Ron’s Convenience, Bayview Credit Union; KV: Coles Convenience, Kent; Saint John: Eddy, Dykeman’s Hardware. Organizers are suggesting to bring lawn chairs. Refreshments and a barbeque will be available. Information: 485-2080 or 696-7795.

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