

Marquee helps Dunsmuir son at Sound of Music

By Brock Weir

Auroras's Marquee Theatrical Productions brought their latest production of *The Sound of Music* to the Newmarket Theatre last week, but ticket holders to the final run of shows starting Thursday, will also have a chance to support David Dunsmuir, the surviving son of the family killed in the Sharon house fire on Good Friday morning.



Photo by David Moore

"We always partner with organizations in our community to try to give back, sometimes we do it through ticket proceeds on a given night and sometimes we do it through a 50/50 draw," says Sheryl Thomas of Marquee.

When the show was in Richmond Hill the previous week, their efforts raised nearly \$600 for a family supporting a daughter living with leukemia, but a change in location means a change of focus for someone very close to home.

At both performances on Saturday and Sunday, audience members will be able to participate in a 50/50 prize draw. 50 per cent of the money in the 50/50 will go to the winner while 25 per cent will go into the David Dunsmuir Trust Fund.

"We have some cast members from Sharon and they have to pass the house every day," says Ms. Thomas. "It is a constant reminder. They were there the day it happened, they knew the family and they knew the mother's struggles. They were well-known and well-liked in the area. This is a small community and when we stick together that is what we try to do - help our neighbour."

The Sound of Music returns to the Newmarket Theatre this Thursday, April 18 at 7.30 p.m. Further shows are on Friday at 7.30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.newtix.ca.