

About Patrick

Patrick was born in Kapuskasing, June 26th, 1978, and diagnosed a severe hemophiliac. To manage his bleeding disorder, Patrick required bi-weekly Factor VIII infusions.

In the early to mid 1980's the Canadian blood supply was contaminated with the HIV virus and as a result, Patrick was diagnosed HIV positive in February of 1984, age 7.

Being a talented athlete, gifted musician and student of life, Patrick's childhood was filled with activities enjoyed to the fullest.

As the disease process advanced through Patrick's teenage years, his positive outlook, courage, determination through adversity and humour inspired everyone he met.

In 1995 Patrick chose to disclose his HIV status to family and friends and received acceptance and support.

Patrick's wish at every birthday and at each full moon was:
Zero AIDS.

Patrick died November 8th, 2001, at the age of 23.

Patrick was proud to be Canadian and would be proud that through his enduring spirit we continue to raise AIDS awareness in our communities.

ZERO AIDS / ZÉRO SIDA

