

***(Respectfully submitted by Carol McKay, Vice President of the Central AB Chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)***

Tonight I have the distinct pleasure of presenting the BIG 105 & 106.7 THE DRIVE *FRIENDS OF THE VOLUNTEER AWARD* to a very deserving company, namely Pro Collision CARSTAR of Red Deer. The company is owned by Darryl and Brian Hemstreet and it is apparent that their parents and previous company owners, Brent and Bonnie Hemstreet have passed down their giving and caring qualities to their sons.

**Now just a bit of background-----**

Carstar Automotive Canada, the parent company, has been a huge supporter of the CCFF for several years, thanks to Brent Hemstreet and some other Carstar workers. When it was discovered that that the grandson of a Carstar franchisee had been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, Brent was strongly in favour of Carstar adopting Cystic Fibrosis as it's charity of choice across Canada. So over the past several years, the CCFF has been the recipient of approximately 1.5 million research dollars because of this Carstar commitment. We thank you.

Pro Collision Carstar here in Red Deer has over the past nine years purchased thousands of CF Frightlites (glow sticks with CF logo) to be given out to elementary school children at Hallowe'en. This commitment alone has raised almost \$30,000 for research to find a cure or control for CF – and we thank you.

The Hemstreets have always been supportive of our many CF fundraising projects such as hockey draft tickets, grey cup pool tickets, garage sales in their parking lot, support through Kinsmen, spring flings with proceeds going to CF – this just names a few.

This upcoming June 20, Pro Collision Carstar will host “SOAPS IT UP” which is a Canada wide Carstar car wash day. Here in Red Deer Darryl tells me that all the proceeds will go cystic fibrosis. Thank you Darryl and Brian for taking on this project on our behalf.

I know there are many more honourable things I could say about the Pro Collision Carstar group and Hemstreet family -- things like the support of minor sports teams, or repairing damage to the MS Society van at no cost to the MS Society – but I'll leave it there.

As you can see from what I have said, they are well-deserving of the Big 105 & 106.7 The Drive “Friends of the Volunteer Award”

On behalf of the Central AB Chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation I invite Darryl and Brian Hemstreet to come forward to accept this award – please join me in congratulating them.