

Why we do what we do

Meet our Community

My son Matthew was 18 months old when he had his first life-threatening asthma attack. It was terrifying to see him struggling for breath.



He recovered. But it wasn't our last challenge.

When Matthew started school, a new nightmare began. He loves to learn, but his classroom included many triggers. The school principal and teacher were not open to my requests for reasonable accommodations. Matthew was treated in the hospital 13 times in his first year.

But when I went to the Asthma Society of Canada for help, things started to get better. A representative worked with us as an advocate for our family and mediator with the school. He reassured me that I wasn't crazy and I wasn't alone. He gave me the confidence to speak up and fight for my son.

This fall our family moved, and Matthew, now in grade four, started attending a new school. The Asthma Society of Canada supported us once again, as the teachers received training, including a presentation by Matthew. I was so proud and thankful.

We've come so far since Matthew's first year of school. But other children still face ignorance and hostility in their schools. That's why I stand with the Asthma Society of Canada as they support families like ours through education, advocacy and support initiatives that save lives, and through funding research into preventing, treating and curing this disease.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey Beaudry".

Tracey Beaudry
The Beaudry Family