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Pyjama party raises \$350,000 for childhood cancer patients and their families

Paralympian Andrew Haley hosted the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario's recent event.

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Steam Whistle Brewing was the site of Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario's annual PJ Party.

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More than 300 guests got cosy at Steam Whistle Brewing on Feb. 27 for the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario's annual PJ Party. The pyjama-clad crowd embraced this year's theme, cabin fever, bringing the great indoors to life. For families dealing with childhood cancer, pyjamas are more than just comfy attire — they symbolize hospital stays, long days at the clinic and time spent healing at home. Hosted by Canadian Paralympian and childhood cancer survivor Andrew Haley, the event raised more than \$350,000 to help patients and their families.



Jordan Niskanen, Jessica Simmons, Queenie Lo and Andrew McMorland.

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Andrew Haley.

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James Smart, Steve Milner, John McKenzie, Carla Milner, Amy Smart and Lauren McDermott.

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David Tait and Jennifer Lomax.

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Karen and Timothy Romualdo, Sara Belot and Shara Buenaventura.

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Rebecca Caron, Diana Copp, Leanna Seetahal and Amanda Mihoub-Wright.

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Top: Samantha Taylor, Sarah DeMelo Kearns, Carita Sheehy and Leahann Landry. Bottom: Rebecca McKenzie, Linda Stevenson, Jenny Scongack.

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Shannon Caskey, Lauren Ettin and Donna Johnston.

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Alex Wellstead, Adam Miller, Evan Cameron, Amanda Tieber, Melody Greaves and Matthew Przybylowski.

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Tim, Melanie and Kim Austin.

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