Every year in the fall I find myself reflecting on the past year, and as usual I'm thinking how quickly the summer flew by. But now the leaves are starting to turn colours fall. I am sure that all of the sledders are all excited for the snow and the upcoming sledding season. For many of us involved with the charity October is a month full of many emotions - sadness as we remember the loss of our good friends, Kim Sparks and Kelly Shires in the fall of 2004 as well as other loved ones we have lost along the way.

Personally for me, it is also a time of reflection for thankfulness and hope. Reflecting on all the amazing people in our lives, some of which are currently fighting breast cancer or in remission. Thankful for all of those who are healthy and and a vision of hope for those battling that they may beat this terrible disease or whatever ailment they may be fighting. As this wonderful event ventures into its 17th year I cannot help but feel a sense of pride for everyone involved, how amazing it is that we can carry on Kelly's dream and legacy with such enthusiasm and momentum. I am beyond thankful to each and every one of you who help in this fight against breast cancer. There are so many events and charities raising money for research (which I do believe is important) but what YOUR efforts accomplish directly help and impact the lives of those who need it right now.

For me, October is also a great month for reflecting and recognizing everything that we have to be thankful for. A time to give thanks for all of the many blessings we might overlook on a regular day. A time of reflection and thanks for all of these blessings, big or small in our lives and the wonderful friends and family that surround us. It has become clear that fall is here and that means that the fluffy white stuff is heading our way soon! The exciting part is that we are just months away from our 17th annual Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run.

We are thankful to have our fantastic Platinum Sponsors continue to support us again this year – BRP/Ski-Doo, Choko Designs, Factory Recreation, FXR, Royal Distributing and The Toronto Snowmobile, ATV & Powersport Show (check out our website for a complete list of sponsors and please help us by supporting our sponsors).

Thank you to the amazing group of volunteers that keep the charity and its events running. Without you, Kelly's dream would not be possible. The effort and time that each of you selflessly gives is the most generous thing I have ever seen.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to every participant whether you are a newbie or have been a part of this for many years. Your enthusiasm, love and support are the driving force that keeps the wheels turning (or should I say track turning? Hee hee).

We are looking forward to see all of you on February 5-7th, 2016.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!!

Hugs, Suzy Q