

Foundation carries on Chase's efforts to help animals

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The devoted life of Keri Chase may have been severed too soon, but her legacy of compassion for animals lives on today through a unique foundation.

Forty-two-year-old Chase died in a November 2001 car accident, ending her life dedicated to salvaging injured or stray animals in the Thunder Bay area. She found countless creatures homes and returned many more to the wild.

"She had always been a real animal nut," said her father, Carl, in an interview yesterday. "She had horses and dogs and cats and birds and snakes and everything."

When Chase died, her family set up The Keri Chase Foundation in her memory, which has now raised more than \$25,000, some of which will be put into thekerichasefoundation.ca



Keri Chase

an endowment fund so that donations can be made through future earnings.

The money is donated to any and every animal cause the family comes across; although, being a registered charitable organization, a proportion of funds goes toward registered animal charities like the Humane Society. The foundation donated \$5,000 two weeks ago to the Thunder Bay branch.

Carl Chase said the foundation is looking beyond individual donors, and is now looking to raise money selling animal calendars and greeting cards, as well as at a November social.

"The support is great for the foundation, so it looks like it's going to become a pretty substantial thing for animal welfare in the Thunder Bay area," he said.

"We're totally open — anything that helps animals and wild animals."