

September 22, 2016

To All Friends of Peter Reed,

We wanted to, once again, provide another update on Brother Peter Reed. These last few months have been quite a whirlwind as it was only 60 days ago when the doctor told us Peter would probably be on a ventilator for the rest of his life. I'm thrilled to say that was not the case. Through Peter's hard work and stubborn determination, he is finally off the ventilator. He transitioned extremely well onto the oxygen, so well in fact, that in less than a week he met all of the thresholds for his breathing tests and, with that, they have now completely removed him from the oxygen. He is also now completely free from all wires and machines, which is truly amazing. This also means he is no longer in the ICU unit.

Being off the ventilator also means they removed the tracheotomy. After they removed the trach and with the hole (stoma) still not closed, in order for Peter to speak, I spent more than several hours with my hand over his throat in a choking position to block the air escaping from the stoma. I will not say this gave me joy but I will also not say it didn't. When his brother and I would rotate on who was choking him next, it certainly seemed to give his brother joy. The three of us did have a huge laugh as we would be choking him for hours and hours and not one nurse or doctor would ever stop in to check on what we were doing. Peter's voice, which is a loud whisper, is slowly getting stronger but will definitely take some time before it's at full strength.

All of these changes paved the way for Peter to be transferred to Lyndhurst, a full-on rehabilitation centre and the place that has been a goal for Peter to get to. It's only been a few days, but the staff seems very friendly and Peter is slowly getting adjusted to this facility and he can accept visitors.

Lyndhurst is located at 520 Sutherland Dr. (Bayview/Eglinton), M4G 3V9. Peter is room 212.

As always, Peter's spirits remain completely positive. For those who would like to donate to Peter's trust, here again is the information: cheques can be made out to James St. John in Trust for Peter Reed and sent to 2088 Weston Rd., Toronto, M9N 1X4 or electronic money transfers can be e-mailed to PBMTrust@cobtrades.com. If you are doing an electronic money transfer, please remember to e-mail your password.

Sincerely,



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