

## Paramedic Appreciation Day Pharma Plus, Glasgow Heights, July 7, 2004



*Ellen Hackett (Manager) and co worker Heather (Reinhart) Roussel, present Paramedics Deb. Walsh and Gabe Kukuric with a \$1,000 donation to the Amanda Finch Memorial Fund*

*Paramedic Appreciation Day was a huge success and embraced by all. Seven hundred carnations were sold out by 3:00pm. One friend wrote and said "Today was a sharing of minds and hearts. As we stood beside each other choosing our flowers in memory of Mandy, we were strangers to each other yet we shared a common bond, the memory of a girl whose smile touched us all." Another wrote and said "What a wonderful idea to make July 7<sup>th</sup> a Paramedic Appreciation Day. This really turned out to be an A.O.K. day( Act of Kindness Day)" I heard others as they bought their flowers say "we appreciate Paramedics every day but never get to show it, this is wonderful." Amanda started work at Pharma Plus as a high school student with a dream and lots of determination. She left as a young Paramedic with the same determination and a passion for helping others. She would have been so proud that those who knew her and those that did not were doing something kind to brighten someone else's day. Amanda loved the book and movie "Pay it Forward" on July 7<sup>th</sup>, I told her in a small way that's what was happening thanks to her and a lot of people who love her. It was a day of healing for our family, special thanks to Amanda's Pharma Plus family for honouring all Paramedics on July 7<sup>th</sup>, Lynn, Dave and Lisa.*



*Lale who had the idea, with Lisa*



*Ellen, Lale and Heather*



*Lynn, Lisa, Meghan and Ellen*