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DUST UP - Crossfield's Kevin Taks takes down a steer in 6.2 seconds during the third performance of the Airdrie Pro Rodeo, held June 27 to July 1. For full rodeo results, be sure to check out next week's Airdrie City View.

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Woman in need has faith in our community

STACIE SNOW
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When Calgary teenager Robin McCullough, 15, heard about a fundraising initiative called Faith for Fern, she went straight to her life savings - a jar full of coins she has been collecting since she was a tot.

Faith for Fern was set up by Airdrie resident Faith Wood for her sister Fern Kwantes, who suffers from a rare debilitating disease. For the past six years, Kwantes has been in chronic pain, suffering from reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD), a progressive disease of the autonomic nervous system characterized by constant and extremely intense pain.

Doctors told Kwantes last year they had exhausted all known treatments to help her. Her only option now is a groundbreaking procedure, a Ketamine coma trial performed in Mexico. Wood set up the fundraiser to help her sister pay for the treatment. The aim of the initiative is to raise \$75,000 in 120 days.

"When I heard about the fundraiser, I didn't think there was anything I could do. But I counted the change I had collected all my life and it came to quite a sum," said McCullough, whose mom has been a friend of Wood's for three years.

In total, McCullough saved an impressive \$571 in coins, all of which she donated to Faith for Fern.

Kwantes is thrilled to receive the money from such a young but caring donor.

"It is quite inspiring and it gives me hope," she said. "It warms my heart to see people I don't even know giving things up for me."

The Ketamine treatment may not be Kwantes' first choice, but she is glad the option is available.

"I don't know if I could live knowing there is nothing else to try," she said.

Kwantes said she has been in constant pain since 2003 and she wouldn't wish RSD on anyone.

"I try to describe it to people by telling them that if they have a headache or bang their shin, they can take some Tylenol and lay down and feel better. That doesn't work for me, the pain receptors are always on and there is no way to get relief for the pain in my bones and joints," said Kwantes.

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