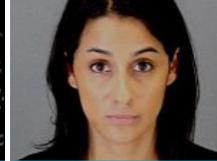




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Mother-of-five with terminal cancer marries in bittersweet ceremony after locals fund the dream wedding she had been saving for

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A young mother with terminal cancer married in her dream wedding yesterday, thanks to donations from local businesses.

Megan Wolfe of Saskatoon, Canada, was diagnosed with stomach cancer in February and learned she had a year to live.

The 28-year-old, who has five children with partner Josh Melnyk, had been saving for a wedding.

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Cut the cake: More than 20 local businesses donated food and other goods and services for the wedding

Ms Wolfe, who had been experiencing abdominal pains, was initially diagnosed with an ulcer - but doctors later discovered that the ulcer was concealing her cancer.

After undergoing her first round of chemotherapy, she had surgery to remove the tumor. It was during that procedure that doctors realized the cancer had spread to her intestines. Ms Wolfe chose not to resume chemotherapy.

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Here comes the bride: Ms Wolfe poses for a photo with Mr Melnyk's cousin, Shantell Scragg

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Mirror, mirror: Ms Wolfe prepares to walk down the aisle on her wedding day

Mr Melnyk's cousin, Shantell Scragg, launched a campaign last month to raise money for the couple's nuptials - and for Ms Wolfe's medical costs.

'The dream is to get married & create memories to last a life time. We are looking to get enough funds together to have a small wedding ceremony with close family & get pictures the kids will treasure forever,' Ms Scragg wrote on the [fundraising page](#).

The online campaign was seen by Ben Block, the founder of a new crowdsourcing firm called GozAround. Mr Block and his wife, Krista, immediately wanted to help.



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Family first: Mr Wolfe and Mr Melnyk made the decision to 'live life as normally as they could,' after receiving the diagnosis

'As we sat with them, we heard their story and saw the tears in their eyes as they spoke about how

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much they loved each other and wanted to get married in front of their children. It was an easy decision to offer to help give them the beautiful wedding they so deserved,' Mr Block wrote on **GozAround's website**.

He began contacting local businesses and community members asking for contributions to the wedding, and listed the vendors' names on his site as they offered their services.



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Full house: Ms Wolfe and Mr Melnyk, photographed by **Kari Sheppard Photography**, have five kids between them, including two-year-old twins Jacob and Hunter



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Mother's love: The couple wanted wedding pictures that their children would 'treasure forever'

More than 20 businesses responded, providing a venue, music, food, flowers, limo service, photography, a bridal dress and many other items – more than \$15,000 in goods and services.

The couple married Wednesday at the Union Bank Inn, in Edmonton, Canada.

'The wedding was beautiful,' Ms Scragg told MailOnline. 'Everyone had a wonderful time - cameras galore.'

She added: 'One sad thing is that some of the donations that came in for money were fake.'

The couple will soon head to Banff, Alberta, for a fully paid honeymoon.

The family's Gofundme page has received \$3,351 in donations since Ms Scragg created it on June 30.

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