

we build community vitality



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now accepting grant applications for children & youth summer camp

We are now accepting grant applications for this program through our on-line grant application process. If you would like to apply, visit our [grants schedule](#) and view the application and criteria to determine if you are eligible. We will accept applications until April 12, 2013 at 4:00 PM.



Since the Guelph Community Foundation began granting in 2001, the Children and Youth Summer Camp Program has been making it possible for hundreds of children in Guelph and surrounding area to participate in camp activities. We have granted over \$100,000 to almost 30 different organizations to assist financially disadvantaged families and children/youth

with special needs.

Since 2001, The Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition has received over \$20,000 in funding for their camp programs. As they commented after the conclusion of last year's camp, "... we have been able to strengthen community bonds, establish relationships with new families, and further solidify the neighbourhoods as a place where all walks of life can come together and feel that their voices are being heard. This grant allows us to provide a fun and safe camp experience for numerous children who would not have been able to attend a camp."

Thank you to all of our Kids-to-Camp donors for supporting this initiative over the years.

Photo above: Children from Everdale Farm Camp.

making a difference

It's not too late to donate! Anyone can [donate](#) to the Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund and gifts of ANY SIZE can make a BIG difference. Depending on the camp, a donation of \$50 can subsidize a child for one week of camp, and a gift of \$100-\$300 can fully support a child for an

entire week. In addition to the Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund, this program is supported by several other funds held at The Guelph Community Foundation, including Camp Discover. The Camp Discover Fund was established by an anonymous donor who wants to ensure summer camp programs are available for disadvantaged and at-risk children and youth, now and forever.

community matters

Community Wellbeing: The City of Guelph's Wellbeing Initiative continues to host Design Team meetings next week on a variety of subject areas. To learn more about what Guelph residents are saying about their community visit www.guelphwellbeing.ca.

Other Funding Source: Last year the provincial government launched Grants Ontario. [Visit their online one-window source for grants information.](#)

Upcoming Events: Two GCF grantees are hosting upcoming concerts.

The Guelph Symphony Orchestra presents "American Rhapsody" at River Run Centre Guelph on Sunday, February 24, 2013. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Guelph Youth Singers is pleased and privileged to host guest clinician, Rollo Dilworth and seven outstanding choirs in the gala choir festival "Shine on Me" on March 2, 2013. Contact Guelph Youth Singers for more information at 519-821-8574.

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