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## June 2013

### Our summer camp grant recipients ...

For over 10 years, The Guelph Community Foundation has provided funding to camp organizations for children and youth to have the opportunity of a camp experience.



Thank you to all of our donors and special fund holders, the Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund and Camp Discover, who helped to boost this year's total support!

- ~Canadian Diabetes Association \$1500
- ~Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington \$1100
- ~East Wellington Community Services \$1865
- ~Elora Centre for the Arts \$500
- ~Everdale Farm \$800
- ~Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County \$1200
- ~Guelph Dance \$1700
- ~Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis \$800
- ~Neighbourhood Support Coalition (Family & Children's Services) \$1900
- ~Onward Willow - Better Beginnings Better Futures \$1500
- ~Portage Ontario \$800
- ~Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Camp and Learning Centre \$1335

(photo above: participants from Everdale Farm summer camp program)

### Staff Departure

Andrea Olson, The Foundation's Executive Director, is leaving after nine years of service - five years as a Board member and four years as Executive Director.

"Leaving is very bittersweet," says Andrea, "the fulfillment of helping others give back is immeasurable. Their generosity, their kindness - makes for a very caring community and it's been a privilege to work with dedicated volunteers, donors and their advisors, and all the community agencies who do the incredible front line work."

Andrea leaves at the end of the month to take on a senior position at the University of Waterloo. The Board wishes her well and extends its thanks for her dedicated service.

### Transition Plans

Plans are in place to ensure administrative continuity and uninterrupted stewardship. Lee Davis, our Office Administrator, will provide continued service to fund holders and donors and help to answer any questions.

**The call for community grants closes July 26.** Potential grantees are encouraged to review the guidelines on the Foundation's website and contact Andrea or Lee in the coming weeks to discuss their projects in advance of submission. Community grants will be announced October 3, 2013 at our Fall Community Celebration.

### Governance Update

At our recent Annual General Meeting, Vice Chair, Susan Brown assumed the role of Board Chair and Jay Elinesky the position of Past Chair. Susan is the owner of Robertson Brown Health Services, a private home healthcare company operating in Guelph, Kitchener Waterloo, Cambridge and London. She is also the Chair of the Foundation's Grants Committee. Jay will continue to serve on the Board, the Investment Committee and the Asset Development Committee.

The Board also welcomed two new members, Michael Gourlay and Ash Kapur. Michael is a Business Development Manager, at Hewlett Packard Canada and Ash Kapur is a CIBC Relationship Manager, Commercial Banking Division. In total, eleven Board members serve and bring exceptional governance and leadership experience. These include: Susan Brown, Chair; Jay Elinesky, Past Chair; Jason Evans, Treasurer; Gary Christie; Chris Davison; Michael Gourlay; Ash Kapur; Peter Kastner; Diane Kennedy Squires; Dominique O'Rourke; Ella Pauls; and Honourary Founding Chair Ken Hammill.



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