



## Media Release

### **The Guelph Community Foundation announces over \$19,000 in grants awarded to Kids to Camp programs across Guelph & area**

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The Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation has announced the recipients of their Kids to Camp grants for 2015. Thirteen area camps were selected to receive a total of \$19,895 funding this year. The money is used to send kids to camp who otherwise would never be able to go. “Knowing that there are kids out there that are getting the chance to experience camp, who may have missed out because they couldn’t afford to go, is just amazing,” says Susan Brown, Chair of the Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation. The camps selected for grants this year believe in the powerful impact that the camp experience can have on children and youth. They focus on providing a sense of belonging, building confidence, encouraging physical activity, respect for the outdoors and an exposure to art and music. “There’s something about summer camp that helps make kids resilient,” says Brown.

The following summer camp programs have been selected to receive grant funds from The Guelph Community Foundation:

- Community Resource Centre of North & Centre Wellington
- Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre
- Better Beginnings, Better Futures (Guelph Onward Willow)
- Camp Stella Puella (a subsidiary of Designing Routes for Education and Mentorship)
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Creative Encounters with Science
- Family & Children’s Services of Guelph & Wellington County
- Great Big Theatre Company
- Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival
- Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
- Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis
- Portage
- Rainbow Programmes for Children

The Guelph Community Foundation 2015 Summer Camp grants are supported from the following funds: The Hugh & Lorna Guthrie Fund, Camp Discovery Fund, Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund, GCF Children & Youth Fund, Bonnie Ewen and the Cynthia Macleod Fund.

If you are a camp interested in receiving grants in the future, applications for camp funding open in February/March and successful applicants are notified by early May every year. Please visit our website for eligibility details, forms and submission deadlines. [www.guelphcf.ca](http://www.guelphcf.ca)

### **About the Guelph Community Foundation:**

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in promoting community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding communities. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of many donors into permanent, income-earning endowments. Income from the endowments supports a wide range of charitable programs and activities. Total funds under administration are \$11.3 million with over \$8 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$3 million has been distributed to over 800 charitable initiatives. The Foundation granted \$452,000 through their community granting programs in 2014. In 2015, the Guelph Community Foundation is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary.

The Guelph Community Foundation's new office is located at 46 Cork Street East. For more information about the Foundation, and how we reach and impact our community please visit our website at [www.guelphcf.ca](http://www.guelphcf.ca)

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