



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Kids to Camp: Over \$28,700 granted to ten charitable camps!**

**Friday, March 10, 2023** – This winter 10 camps will receive funds through The Guelph Community Foundation's (GCF) Kids to Camp grant program, allowing **over 200 local children to attend camp** that otherwise would not be able to!

The GCF Grants Committee and staff are pleased to announce the 2023 Kids to Camp Grant Recipients. The funding decision was made by the Grants Committee on February 22, 2023, and was approved by the Board of Directors on March 09, 2023. This funding provides grants to registered charities (or organizations partnered with a registered charity) operating camps that help children and youth from financially disadvantaged families participate in the summer camp experience.

If it were not for these funds, many of the local campers who benefit would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend camp – something that can be so beneficial to children's development. We believe that cost should not be a barrier to children who could benefit from the many experiences that camp can provide, especially after the last few years.

The Kids to Camp grant application period was from January 02, 2023 to February 06, 2023. Funding of up to \$4,000 was made available for applicants. This grant is supported by several funds held at GCF and recently has allowed for camps to apply for operational funding if needed. Kids to Camp opened weeks earlier than in previous years to help assist organizations plan for the summer.

### **Congratulations to the 10 recipients of GCF's Kids to Camp 2023 grant:**

Belwood Lodge and Camp

Camp Menesetung

Creative Encounters with Science STEM Camp

Elora Centre for the Arts Summer Arts Camp

Great Big Theatre Company Theater Arts Day Camp

Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition Summer Camp

Hopewell Children's Homes Inc: Hopewell Children's Summer Day Camp

Rainbow Programmes for Children

Shelldale Family Gateway Summer Camp

West Village Community Development Cooperative Inc: Camp Wilderwood

The Guelph Community Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following funds for their continued support of the Kids to Camp program: *The Bonnie Ewen Fund, Camp Discover Fund, The Guelph Community Foundation Children & Youth Fund, The Griffith & Violet Morgan Fund* and donors Beverly Davis, Robert and Kira Turvey. We would also like to give a special thank you to *Alectra Utilities* for their generous support and donation of \$5,000 to support this grant. The GCF staff would also like to share their thanks to the GCF Grants Committee members, investors, and community supporters. They are so grateful to be able to have such an impact in our community.

The camps selected for grants in 2023 believe in the powerful impact that the camp experience can have on children and youth. Due to the rising cost of living and inflation the need for support is great. The Foundation is honoured to be able to provide this financial support for the parents of the 200+ campers that are benefiting from these grants and are gaining a valuable camp experience.

If you are interested in learning more about how you or your family can support charities in our community, or donate to this grant program, contact The Guelph Community Foundation at [info@guelphcf.ca](mailto:info@guelphcf.ca) or visit the website, [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca). *Together, we can make a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids in our community.*

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**About The Guelph Community Foundation**

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. The office is located in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in beautiful downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca).