



## **The Guelph Community Foundation awards over \$30,000 in grants to help send kids to camp this summer**

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The Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation announced the recipients today of the *2016 Kids to Camp Grant Program*. Eighteen area camps were selected to receive a total of **\$31,990** in fund dollars this year, an increase of over \$12,000 from last year. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Art Gallery of Guelph
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Community Resource Centre of North & Centre Wellington
- Creative Encounters with Science
- Everdale
- Focus on Nature
- Great Big Theatre Company
- Guelph Dance
- Guelph Humane Society
- Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
- Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis
- Ontario Co-operative Association
- Onward Willow Better Beginnings, Better Futures
- Portage Ontario
- Rainbow Programmes for Children
- Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre
- West Village Community Development Co-operative

**Sometimes it takes a village to send a kid to camp.** At The Guelph Community Foundation a family of fund holders pool together resources every year to send as many kids as possible to camp. “The camp experience for a child can change the path of their life,” said Susan Brown, Chair of the Grants Committee. “We also know that if a child feels like they belong within their community, that connection allows them to learn better, feel healthier and feel that their life has purpose. For some kids, the summer camp experience is the only exposure to belonging and connectedness. This is an area where we can have real impact and see real potential for these children.” The purpose of the Kids to Camp program at the Foundation is to allow all kids the chance to experience camp, regardless of their financial situation. The camps selected for grants 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, promoting a respect for the outdoors and an exposure to art and music. The Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the many donations received, and to the following funds for their continued support of the Kids to Camp program:

- Bonnie Ewen Fund
- Camp Discover Fund
- The Guelph Community Foundation Children & Youth Fund
- Hugh & Lorna Guthrie Fund
- Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp Fund

**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 to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas. 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 \$13.3 million with over \$9 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$3 million has been distributed to over 800 charitable initiatives.

The Guelph Community Foundation's office is located at 46 Cork Street East in Guelph. For more information about The Foundation, and how they reach and impact our community please visit <http://www.guelphcf.ca>

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