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Now Accepting Grant Applications for Children & Youth Summer Camp

We are now accepting grant applications for the Kids-To-Camp program on-line! Visit our [grants schedule](#) for application guidelines and to complete a grant application form. **We will be accepting applications until March 21, 2014 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 \$117,000 to almost 30 different organizations to help provide camping experiences for children and youth.

In 2013 we helped send over 175 youth to local camps. With over \$3,500 in funding since 2011, East Wellington Community Services had this to say following the success of last year's camp, *"We are extremely grateful for the grant received for this program so that we could help families and their children who would otherwise not have an opportunity to experience a summer camp, due to their personal circumstance. With the increase in funding received we were able to send even more children to camp this year and we are so appreciative of being able to provide support to our clients' families with our Kids to Camp program. Thank you GCF!"*

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

Photo above: Children from Camp Sunrise in 2013.

Making a Difference

It's not too late to donate! We encourage everyone to [donate](#) to the Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund. Gifts of ANY SIZE can make a BIG difference. For some camps, a donation of \$50 will subsidize a child for one full week of camp, and a gift of \$100-\$300 can send a child for an entire month. 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 The Bonnie Ewen Fund and Camp Discover. Both funds were established to ensure summer camp programs are available for disadvantaged and at-risk children and youth, now and forever.

Community Matters

The Guelph Symphony Orchestra presents a truly out-of-this-world experience, "The Planets", a program of music inspired from beyond planet Earth at River Run Centre in Guelph on Sunday, February 23, 2014. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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