



Media Release

Are you a charity that runs a summer camp? Applications now being accepted for funding

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Time to gear up for summer! Today marks the opening of the application process for The Guelph Community Foundation's Kids-to-Camp granting program. Any local registered charity can apply for grant money. In 2016, The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) granted over \$30,000 to eighteen local day camps. Last year, hundreds of local children were able to attend a summer day camp, who otherwise would not have been able to afford to go. The Guelph Community Foundation typically grants between \$500 - \$3,000 per camp, depending on their needs and the plans for their program.

"The summer camp experience can be a profound one for a child", says Cyndy Moffat, Chair of the Grants Committee at The Guelph Community Foundation. "We see so many examples of children attending camp programs and then later becoming Leaders in Training, and ultimately Leadership Staff at the same camps where they started as young kids", explains Moffat. "It is a great life experience and can open up a whole new realm of possibilities for some of these children." For some, their day camp session is the only organized activity they will attend all summer.

The Children & Youth Summer Camp Program at The Guelph Community Foundation provides grants (financial support) to organizations operating camps that help children and youth from financially disadvantaged families participate in the summer camp experience.

The Guelph Community Foundation is now accepting applications for summer camp grants, and the deadline for submission is **Friday February 17, 2107 at 2:00 PM**. Organizations interested in applying should visit The Guelph Community Foundation's website for details and application forms: www.guelphcf.ca and click "grant programs" or call the office at 519-821-9216 for more information.

Since The Guelph Community Foundation began granting in 2001, over \$214,000 has been granted to help support camp programs and send deserving kids to camp in our community.

Anyone can help send a kid to camp this summer! If you would like to help send a child in need to camp, please donate now to The Guelph Community Foundation's Kids to Camp Fund. For details, please visit our website or call the office today.

About The Guelph Community Foundation:

The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) seeks to improve the quality of life and vitality in Guelph and surrounding communities by facilitating the creation of permanent resources for charitable giving. Founded in 2000, GCF offers a simple and enduring way for you to support your community and charitable organizations, ensuring your contributions will grow and continue to make a difference today, tomorrow and for the future. Our vision is to build community vitality in three ways: donor engagement, granting and leadership. Total funds under administration are \$13.3 million with over \$9 million in permanent endowed assets. Since inception, over \$3.6 million has been distributed to over 850 charitable initiatives. In addition to the Kids to Camp granting program, The Foundation also provides Community Grants to support community building activities. Applications are accepted for Community programs in July.

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

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