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CAMP FUND RECEIVES BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kids and camp go together like spaghetti and meatballs. Unfortunately, not all families have the resources to give their child a camping experience. Now in its eighth year, the Sun Media Children's Summer Camp Fund this year is assisting 234 children in Niagara attend a camp.

"We saw a 20% increase in donations this year from so many donors across Niagara. This speaks to the generosity of our community during particularly difficult economic times", said Debi Wiebe, Promotions Manager for The St. Catharines Standard. "The Canada Goat Golf Tournament, Branscombe Family Foundation and Kiwanis Club of St. Catharines helped us exceed our goal. "

"Children from every community in Niagara will benefit from this fund," said Liz Palmieri, Executive Director of the Niagara Community Foundation. "Seventeen community groups received funds to provide bursaries for children in financial need or to have a caregiver accompany a special needs child."

The foundation administers the fund and the application process on behalf of Sun Media. Since its inception in 2002 more than 1,600 children have benefited from this program.

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Complete list of camps receiving support is attached

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Organizations receiving grants for bursaries for children in financial need or to assist with cost of caregiver to attend camp with special needs child

Organization	Grant
Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter	\$1,000.00
Carousel Players	\$750.00
City of Welland	\$2,000.00
Community Living - Fort Erie	\$750.00
Community Living - Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln	\$750.00
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet	\$750.00
Community Living Welland Pelham	\$750.00
I.C.A.N.T.E.R.	\$700.00
Niagara Symphony Association	\$700.00
Town of Pelham	\$820.00
Port Colborne CARES	\$850.00
Powerhouse Project - Young Carers Initiative	\$2,000.00
Red Roof Retreat	\$1,000.00
The Salvation Army Community and Family Services	\$600.00
Thorold Community Activities Group	\$550.00
YMCA of Niagara	\$3,000.00
YMCA of Niagara (in partnership with FACS)	\$2,000.00
YWCA of Niagara	\$1,000.00