

Media Release

Newspaper Camp Fund Donations up by 60%

Through the generosity of donors from across Niagara, more than 120 children will be able to enjoy a camp experience this summer. The Niagara Newspaper Network along with many community partners contributed over \$16,000 to support this initiative.

“We were thrilled with the 60% increase in donations in the second year of the program,” said Debi Wiebe, Promotions Manager for The Standard. “Over 120 children are off to camp because of the community support. We’ve also attracted new partners this year and continue to receive calls from groups that would like to help out next year.”

Seventeen community agencies from across Niagara were recipients of financial support, receiving grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,700. The funds are also used to support the cost of a caregiver to attend camp with a special needs child. “When we were developing the granting criteria, we became aware that this type of support was badly needed,” said Wiebe. “We are pleased that our program will assist 35 special needs children to have a meaningful camping experience.”

The Niagara Community Foundation administers the camp program on behalf of the Niagara Newspaper Network, which is comprised of the daily and weekly newspapers in Niagara within the Osprey Media Group.

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Groups receiving grants:

Autism Society of Ontario – Niagara Region Chapter

Canadian Diabetes Association

Community Living – Grimsby/Lincoln

Fort Erie YMCA

Niagara Falls Big Brothers Big Sisters

Niagara Multi-Faith Council

Niagara Symphony Association

Thorold Community Activities Group

Welland Dist. Association for Community Living

Carousel Players

Easter Seals Society

Niagara Child Development Centre

Family and Children’s Services

Niagara Support Services

Prokids Initiative – Region of Niagara

Town of Grimsby

YMCA of Niagara