



Media Release

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HCAS kids teed up for a terrific time...

Twenty eight kids teed up for a terrific time at Bayview Golfing Centre on Friday, July 16 as part of the 8th Annual Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament.

While the main tourney took place at two of Quinte's premiere golf courses – Black Bear Ridge and Trillium Wood - kids in care of Hastings CAS hit the links for a nine hole tournament of their own, thanks to Bayview Golfing Centre, followed by a wrap up dinner and entertainment at Market Square in downtown Belleville.

“We’re really grateful to all those who dug deep this year to help make today’s afternoon of golf possible for the kids and especially to Bayview Golfing Centre for once again donating their facilities for the kids’ tournament,” said Hastings CAS Executive Director, Rotarian Len Kennedy.

Financial sponsors of the kids’ tournament - Arden Court Children’s Residence, Loyalist Youth Services, Bayfield Homes and Quinte Learning Centre. – each donated \$1,000 to \$2,000 to provide the afternoon of golfing for seven groups of kids and their supervisors, with the funds contributed going directly towards the proceeds of the day.

This year’s Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament Chair, local businessman and Rotarian, Ken Wheeler, reports that over the past seven years, the Belleville Rotary Club has contributed over \$56,000 to the Quinte Children’s Foundation’s Reach for Success Bursary Program. “As the main tournament at Black Bear Ridge and Trillium Wood raises money for children’s programs in our area, it’s really gratifying to have kids in care playing as part of our golf day,” said Wheeler.

Rotarian Sam Brady, President of the Belleville Rotary Club, emphasized the importance of Rotary’s partnership with the local CAS. “Congratulations to those who had the foresight eight years ago to build this successful, long standing relationship in support of children and families,” said Brady. “As an organization, we recognize how important it is for young people to attend college or university and we’re thrilled that a portion of the tournament proceeds makes post secondary education possible for youth in care.”

Ten percent of the money raised at the Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament is turned over to the Quinte Children’s Foundation’s Reach for Success Bursary program, with the balance going to a number of kids-related programs in our area. Over the years Rotary Loves Kids has raised \$566,000, which has contributed to Quinte area children’s care in many ways, such as:

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- The Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre in Picton which helps children and their families in the healing process and enhancing their quality of life.
- Easter Seals camp near Perth - helping kids with physical disabilities succeed.
- Quinte Children's Foundation Reach for Success Bursary Program for youth in HCAS care whose vision is to improve the quality of life for local children who are at risk.
- The Belleville General Hospital to help fund special diagnostic equipment for children.

Quinte Children's Foundation's Executive Director, Brandi Hodge, thanked all Rotarians and everyone who contributed to the success of the day for ensuring that the kids in our community have every opportunity to succeed, saying that Belleville Rotarians continue to have such an incredible impact on the lives of local children. "In May," reported Hodge, "Quinte Children's Foundation awarded an unprecedented \$45,000 in Reach for Success Bursaries to children in the care of Hastings Children's Aid Society and the Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament plays a huge part in that achievement."

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