

THE SPARK

HERE WE GROW!

Your generous support of Amici has made 2012 our biggest season ever. This year, 155 boys and girls experienced the magic of camp at 27 camps across Ontario.

To each donor who “sparked a change” through their kind contribution, our campers say “thank you!” The sampling of letters included on page two of *The Spark*, reaffirm the impact you have made on so many young lives.

These camp experiences would not be possible without our amazing partner camps and the 150+ people who volunteered with or participated in an Amici fundraising event or committee this past year. It's inspiring to see



Courtesy Kilcoo Camp

how many people share a passion for giving back, through camp.

And thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. Each has provided invaluable leadership and guidance that has impacted our organization in so many positive ways. Their commitment has provided a stable foundation to grow our program, and serve more campers in the years ahead.

Recently, Amici completed a six month engagement with Endeavour Volunteer Consulting to develop a vision and strategic plan for our next four years. You may be aware that 2016 will mark 50 years since the first Amici camper attended Camp Kawabi. To mark this milestone, we are calling our new vision, “250 by 50”: supporting 250 campers by Amici's 50th birthday.

New initiatives like these are possible only because of the commitment and support of our extended community. It is because of the generosity of friends like YOU that more and more deserving campers will experience the magic of camp in summers to come.



Courtesy Kilcoo Camp

Questions, comments and feedback about Amici are always welcome. Please contact us any time with your thoughts. We will continue to share more about our “250 by 50” vision with you in the coming months. We hope you will continue to be part of it!

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Courtesy Camp Wenahab

MEDIA COMPANIES “SPARK A CHANGE” FOR KIDS!

Two of the biggest names in Canadian media made significant gifts to Amici this past year. The Slight Family Foundation committed \$125,000 over five years to Amici, a gift which will make a huge difference over several summer for many Amici campers.

“The Slight Family Foundation is pleased to support summer camp experiences for children and youth from low income families through Amici Camping Charity,” said Slight Communications President & CEO Gary Slight. “Attending a summer camp helps youth grow and develop, learn leadership skills and enhance their self-esteem through a fun, safe learning environment. We are happy to provide such opportunities for those children and youth who may otherwise not receive such a valuable lifetime experience.”

Recently, The Rogers Foundation pledged \$30,000 in support of Amici, which will allow 30 children to experience the magic of summer camp for two weeks in 2013. “The Rogers Foundation seeks to help the organizations it funds become more relevant and to ensure their success going forward,” said Rogers Vice-President John Anderton. “We are delighted to support Amici Camping Charity as one such organization that meets these criteria as it sparks a change in the lives of underprivileged children using the transformational power of the summer camp experience.”

Thanks to both The Slight Family Foundation and The Rogers Foundation for their outstanding support of Amici campers!

HAPPY CAMPERS

This past summer was another season of growth for Amici's campership program. Our supporters and donors sent 155 children to summer camp for a total of over 370 weeks of summer camp. Remarkable!

The hallmark of the Amici program is a commitment that each camper be able to attend his/her camp for repeat summers. In 2012, 30 Amici campers attended camp for their fifth summer. Additionally, 48 campers were attending camp for the third or fourth year through Amici. Overall, 75% of campers who attended camp in 2011 returned to camp this past summer.

Also of note about the campership program:

- 25 Amici campers were enrolled in a Leader In Training or Counsellor In Training program at their camp
- Amici campers attended 27 accredited overnight camps in Ontario
- Amici supported 47 first-time campers in 2012

As part of Amici's partnership program, staff members visited twelve partner camps over the course of the summer. These visits provided an invaluable opportunity to say thank you to our partners and also to see Amici campers thriving at their camp. Thanks to all those partner camps who acted as generous hosts to the campers this summer.

Thank you to our partner camps, donors, and supporters for making these opportunities possible for all Amici campers!

"Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I had a lot of fun, and at the same time I made many new friends!"
- Amici male camper, age 12 (Camp Pine Crest)

"I wanted to thank you for helping me send my children to camp. This is their first year going and without your help it would not be possible for my kids to go to camp. I am very thankful that Amici was able to help put a smile on my kids' faces."
- First time Amici parent (Camp Nokomis)

"My daughter was very excited about being an LIT at camp. Without Amici's support, this would never have occurred – and we cannot thank you enough! This experience has allowed her not only to mature through the years, but has helped her to set her goals in life at a very high level and given her the determination to achieve them."
- Parent of long time Amici camper (Camp Kandalore)

"I am so very grateful that Amici has been able to help me this year. Camp has been an extraordinarily positive experience for my daughter. It's an experience I want to be able to continue for her, and Amici's help allowed me to do that."
- Parent of veteran camper (Camp Oconto)



Courtesy Onondaga Camp

DID YOU KNOW...

- Kevin Schilz directed a \$1000 donation to Amici through The Keg Spirit Foundation. Kevin was honoured by The Keg for his commitment to community service and for his dedication to giving back. In a letter to Amici, The Keg wrote "Kevin is a wonderful example of someone that works hard to make a difference." Kevin was inspired to give to Amici after seeing the Charity's profile on Global TV. Thank you for your support Kevin!

- Carson Kolberg (Camp Tawingo alumni) was invited to speak at September's IgniteCharity event in Kitchener/Waterloo. Kevin's speech focussed on the benefits of the summer camp experience for youth. He told his audience, "Every young person deserves the enriching experience of going to camp." In lieu of payment for his participation in the event, Carson directed proceeds to Amici. To see a video of Carson's speech, please visit our Facebook page. Thank you Carson for thinking of Amici, and sparking a change through the power of summer camp!

- On Sunday, September 15 Amici was proud to invite 30 campers and their families to the Jays Care Clubhouse for an afternoon Blue Jays game against the Boston Red Sox. It was a terrific and memorable day for everyone. Thanks to our friends at Jays Care Foundation for inviting us to enjoy their hospitality and a great ballgame!



- Amici is fortunate to have a roster of outstanding volunteers who support the charity in so many ways. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization, and provide leadership on the Board of Directors, on event committees, through fundraising, and much more. We want to thank two special volunteers, Ashley Menkes and Charlotte Scott (2012 LIT at Camp Tanamakoon), who have given freely of their time to help with a number of initiatives in our office. Both Ashley and Charlotte have done some terrific work, and we are thankful for all their efforts to make a difference!

- Executive Director Kate Horton was selected to receive a bursary to participate in a week-long leadership development course through the Ivey School of Business at Western University this fall.



Courtesy Onondaga Camp

CANOE HEADS FOR KIDS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sunday, June 2 saw over 80 hearty participants on ten teams paddling and portaging along the waterfront in downtown Toronto, all with the same goal in mind – sending deserving children to summer camp.

Generously sponsored by TD Bank, the fifth annual Canoe Heads for Kids was a tremendous success. Over \$80,000 was raised in support of Amici, helping to send 80 kids to summer camp! That amount set a new record for the event. Special mention to the participants on Team Gullbob and Team Algonquin, who raised over \$10,000 in the name of each of their teams. Thanks also to Paul Chamberlain, who raised the most money of any individual participant. Outstanding!

The event would not have been possible were it not for the dedication and commitment of the event volunteers. We offer special thanks to Alexandra Campbell, Steph Hodsoll, Carly McDougald and Cass Polychronopoulos for



their leadership for their leadership during the event. Thanks also to the twenty volunteers who lent their support on the event day for all their contributions.



Canoe Heads for Kids received significant media coverage throughout the spring. The highlight was a special feature on Global TV's "Making A Difference" segment that featured event participants and Amici campers. Be sure to check out the Media section on our website for a full database of event coverage.

Plans are already underway to make Canoe Heads for Kids even bigger and better next year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1, 2013 for next year's event!

Thanks to our Canoe Heads Team Captains:

Emily Alonzo, Sinclair Bean, Andrew Blakeley, Andrew Bryce, Ted Gorsline, Janice Greenshields, Greg Kasparian, Willie Macrae, Tim McMartin, Heather Navis, Will Nelson, Stuart Snyder

BALL HOCKEY / TEES & TIARAS IN REVIEW

Eight teams hit the courts at Upper Canada College for the annual Ball Hockey Tournament. Over \$4000 was raised for Amici. Teams represented Kilcoo Camp, Camp Wabikon, Camp Wenonah (pictured), as well as other groups of friends and Amici supporters.



Over 50 golfers hit the links at Angus Glen Golf Club for the annual Tees & Tiaras Nine 'n Dine Tournament. It was a great day of golf and fun! More than \$7000 was raised in support of Amici. Thanks to Sara Sterling, Janet Murphy, and Heather Navis for their leadership with the planning committee.



HITTING A HOME RUN FOR AMICI

Amici was honoured to be chosen as one of three charities to partner with Jays Care Foundation to sell 50/50 raffle tickets throughout the 2012 baseball season. Amici volunteers were out in full force at nine Blue Jay games, and raised over \$15,000 for their efforts. Well done!



The 50/50 nights made for a great evening out for many campers, LITs, camp staff, alumni, and other supporters who volunteered their time with Amici at the Rogers Centre. Volunteers represented many Amici partner camps, including Kilcoo Camp, Cedar Ridge Camp, Camp Awakening, Camp Kandalore, Mi-A-Kon-Da, Camp Oconto, and Camp Wenonah.

Many thanks to our friends at Jays Care Foundation for their continued support of Amici.

The following companies and organizations were generous sponsors of the Amici Mile, Peter Taylor Art Show, Ball Hockey Tournament, Canoe Heads for Kids, or Tees & Tiaras. **Thank you for your support!**

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Thank you to everyone who generously supported Amici in 2012. With your gift, you have helped set a child on a new and stable path to a brighter future!

The Trailblazers - The Trailblazers are those special friends of Amici who made a substantial contribution in 2012 to help share the gift of summer camp. Thank you to the following donors:

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The Kilcoo 20 is a special group of individuals who have chosen to have a lasting impact on the lives of underprivileged children. Through a very generous gift to the Amici Endowment, totaling \$100,000, the Kilcoo 20 will help to ensure that deserving boys and girls have the same experiences, friendships, and memories that they

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In 2012, generous supporters held the following events to raise funds for Amici:
1970s Guys Golf Day
Amici Ball Hockey Tournament
Brian Blackstock's Birthday Party
Jays Care 50/50 Raffles
Kilcoo Camp Reunion
Kilcoo Camp Visitors' Day (July & August 2012)
Lambton Kingsway Junior Middle School
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These gifts were received during the 2012 fiscal year, October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list. Due to space limitations, we have listed gifts of \$100 and greater.

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