



MAKING PLAY POSSIBLE

Tenth Anniversary is an Opportunity to Help More Kids

In 2014, Making Play Possible will be celebrating its tenth anniversary. We are looking for volunteers and champions who are interested in helping us create connections, advocate for recreation, and raise funds to help get more local children and youth involved in recreation.

Participation in recreation increases a child's chance for success in life. Making Play Possible funds registration fees, equipment costs and transportation expenses for children and youth to participate in all kinds of recreation: sports, the arts, and organized social activities. In addition, the program helps families connect to other supports for children and youth who face other non-financial barriers.

Fast Facts about Making Play Possible (MPP):

- MPP dispenses between \$60,000 - \$100,000 annually to cover registration fees, equipment costs, and transportation expenses to provide recreation to more than 360 Leeds-Grenville children and youth
- Since 2004, MPP has funded more than 4,000 local children and youth.
- MPP funds children and youth in all 13 municipalities of Leeds-Grenville either directly or through partnerships.
- MPP is working to increase our capacity, in rural areas where families face complex challenges accessing recreation.
- MPP is overseen by a Recreation Steering Committee, comprised of community members and partner agencies passionate about increasing access to recreation for children and youth in Leeds-Grenville.
- MPP has had charitable status since 2004 under Children's Mental Health of Leeds-Grenville.

We believe strongly that children need to have fun, feel important, build skills, feel proud, have adult role models, be respected, hang out with other kids, be unique and feel involved.



Facts about recreation and families:

- Participation in recreation has significant and lasting benefits for children and youth, including improved social skills, creativity, self-esteem, academic performance, stress management, physical health, motor skills, motivation to learn, and family relationships.
- Families with children participating in organized recreation are less likely to access social work, counseling, food banks, physicians, and child care services.
- A third of families in Canada are unable to afford recreation activities for their kids.

Call to Action:

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping kids succeed, who are passionate about sports, the arts, or other organized recreation. We need volunteers who are interested in:

- Helping promote Making Play Possible and advocating for our cause;
- Connecting us to resources in the community;
- Connecting us to recreational providers who want to work with us;
- Developing fundraising opportunities;
- Providing free or subsidized access to activities for children and youth to participate in recreation in Leeds-Grenville.

To Donate:

- Visit www.canadahelps.org to make an on-line credit card donation to Making Play Possible in association with Children's Mental Health of Leeds Grenville
- Write a cheque made payable to Children's Mental Health of Leeds-Grenville and mail it to 779 Chelsea Street, Suite BU Brockville, ON K6V 6J8

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We make recreational opportunities available to all children and youth in Leeds & Grenville

In Partnership With:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

Children's Mental Health of Leeds-Grenville

Canadian Tire Jumpstart

Every Kid in Our Communities Network

Healthy Communities Partnership

The United Counties of Leeds Grenville

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

The Brockville and Area YMCA

The Arts Council of the Thousand Islands

And all recreation providers of Leeds-Grenville

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