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Monthly giving is one of the most efficient ways to donate. Right now you can make a difference in our Youth Centre through a sustainable monthly contribution that will help us provide food and services to youth in our community. You can sign up online: www.bgckawarthas.com/giving or on the enclosed reply card.

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Fourth Annual KAWARTHA LAKES YOUTH Awards

CELEBRATING YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS!

The annual Kawartha Lakes Youth Awards was created by the Foundation to shine a spotlight on youth in our community between the ages of 12 and 24. Involvement with the BGC Kawarthas is only required for the BGC Kawarthas Club Spirit Award.

This year our **4th Annual Kawartha Lakes Youth Awards** was on June 15th at Fairview Baptist Church. We welcomed two incredible, inspiring guest speakers the BGC Canada Youth of the Year, Shahaddah Jack, and our 2022 Resiliency Winner and Founder of Tru Faces, Hannah Schevers.

We received nominations from a variety of sources throughout the community, all highlighting extraordinary youth. Their stories were inspiring and reinforce that the future of our community is in excellent hands. We are grateful to our nominators, judges and sponsors for making it possible for us to honour so many impressive youth. We are pleased to announce our award sponsors and winners:

ARTS ACHIEVEMENT: Sponsored by Flato Supported by Kawartha Lakes Arts Council
WINNERS: Jenna Dunford, Christina Dedes

HUMANITARIAN: Sponsored by Wood-Mizer **WINNER:** Matthew De Vuono

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WINNERS: Rowan Kerr, Laura Butler

PHYSICAL LITERACY: Sponsored by Planet Fitness
WINNERS: Amy Lamb, Addison Coulter, Serena Tesic

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WINNERS: Evan Brown, Madalynn Murray

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WINNERS: Landen Edwards-White, Hannah McCallum

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MARCIE BEALL SCHOLARSHIP: \$750 Scholarship from the Beall/Lough families
WINNERS: Landen Edwards-White **MARCIE BEALL SCHOLARSHIP:** Mikyla Dietrich

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Nominations for the 5th Annual Youth Awards will open in February, 2024
Who will you nominate?

Designed by Heather McCullough
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Fall 2023

Setting Sights on a Five-Year Horizon

As temperatures cool outside and we prepare for another winter in Ontario – highlighted for us by the upcoming 29th Annual Dream Ball, a wonderful community celebration and fundraiser for kids at camp – we embark on a new 5-year strategic plan. Determining where we want to take the Foundation and Club in the years ahead, started first with analyzing where we are today and the environment in which we care for kids.

According to Linda Duxbury (Sprott School of Business), organizations will face a sequence of significant and serious disruptions for the foreseeable future: COVID-19, climate change, rising economic instability, to name a few. We see many of the effects firsthand:

- As many as 1 in 5 children and youth in Ontario will experience some form of mental health problem (CMHO);
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion demands action;
- Skyrocketing inflation, housing unaffordability and our population is set to double in the next 8 years (according to Mayor Doug Elmslie);
- A workforce looking for hybrid work, and the so-called Great Resignation continues (Duxbury);
- Employee wellbeing and greater work-life balance demands.

In developing our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, we engaged with 207 individuals for input through a combination of focus groups, interviews and surveys. The result, is an aspirational plan is based on evidence and data and rooted in the current environment.

For you, our donors and supporters, you'll want to know what we plan to do to Inspire Investments in BGC. Key themes include: building stronger relationships with elected representatives to enhance government understanding and support of the work we do; exploring new and innovative fundraising strategies; communicating our impact more often and in more impactful ways; engaging our club alumni; and actively expanding outreach and fundraising in the Peterborough area to support Club programs and services.

Amy Terrill, Executive Director
Laurie Charlebois, Foundation President

29TH ANNUAL DREAM BALL
Fire & Ice
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
VICTORIA PARK ARMOURY

6pm Champagne & Hors d'oeuvres
7:30pm Dinner
9pm Dance (Supersonic Hearts Band)
Silent & Live Auction

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It is the mission of BGC Kawarthas Foundation to support the aims of BGC Kawarthas

by acquiring the necessary financial resources to meet local youth service needs.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Warehouse Youth Centre

On September 29th we celebrated the first full decade of our Warehouse Youth Centre, a space designed to welcome young people from ages 13 – 18.

Often people wonder how the name came to be. Our Director of Operations, Christine Borrowman, explained "Before the Club owned the building, it was a book-binding company. There were large tables where the employees worked on binding books. When we purchased it, it became a literal warehouse where we offered storage to community members."

When we first opened the youth centre, it contained a ping pong table, air hockey table, full kitchen, television with couches and video game systems, and more. Another room was made into a computer lab.



Today, we have much of the same, as well as additional art, flags and paintings of representation and acceptance, foosball, a room with exercise equipment and digital art stations. Over the years, music has become a large focus. A recording studio was built thanks to the generosity of donors Bill Jay and Dr. Morley Coombs and a grant from the Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation. And the computer lab was transformed into a music room where Music Supervisor Warren Frank creates a multitude of opportunities for youth to learn instruments, video and audio editing, open mic, karaoke, and more.

Warren describes the Warehouse as a place where youth can come to find their voice and their confidence. "It's a place with a lot of opportunity to try new things and it's a safe space to do so, and I think that's really fantastic. When I was a kid, I couldn't afford instruments. Whereas here, we're lucky to get instruments donated so kids can try them out and sometimes take them home."



Bring a Child In From the Cold

Your donation helps provide children and youth with access to our programs and services in the communities we serve.

Watch your Mail in December

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Long-time BGC Kawarthas camper Lacey Maxwell is now the Warehouse's Youth Services Supervisor and oversees the Food and Nutrition program. She first came to the Club in preschool in the early 2000s, and left the club in sixth grade when she outgrew what the Club had to offer at the time. Four years later, when she was in tenth grade, the Club opened its Warehouse and she found herself returning. "I remember walking through the doors the first fall and I was like, 'Wow, what is this place?' They could never get rid of me from then. I spent all my afternoons here because this is where I wanted to be."

One of the largest donors over the years has been the Otto and Marie Pick Foundation, established by Tom and June Pick. They were already supporters of BGC Kawarthas, but increased their contributions when construction of the Warehouse began. Tom's daughter, Stephanie Pick, explains that while the focus of the Foundation had been on helping children of all ages, they have begun prioritizing youth in the past few years.

"I think all the directors of our Foundation feel the youth are easily overlooked, with a lot less funding and fewer services for them," says Stephanie. "One of the reasons we decided to support the Youth Warehouse is because we feel it's really important for them to be given the life skills to help them succeed."

Foundation donations have been essential for the ongoing operations of the Warehouse since its inception. Thank you to every donor, large and small, who has helped us create a stimulating environment where youth can socialize, access supports and share their valuable insights.



29th Annual

Jeff Beukeboom Charity Classic



Photo Courtesy Dan Cearn, The Standard

Thank you to our sponsors, golfers and auction donors who helped to make this year's tournament a success! We are grateful for your support of the **BGC Kawarthas Foundation**.

All proceeds from the Tournament enable our Club to provide affordable programs to all families. It is the mission of BGC Kawarthas to enrich the lives of children and youth by delivering a broad range of programs which enhance their personal growth and development. Because of events such as the Jeff Beukeboom Charity Classic, Club programs are offered with the guarantee that no child will ever be denied access due to financial difficulties and allows us to help deliver the essential work we do.

Your participation truly makes a difference! On behalf of the Club, Foundation and the over 8,000 kids and youth we serve, thank you so much for your support!



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