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Sixth 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.

Our 6th Annual Kawartha Lakes Youth Awards was on June 12th at Fairview Baptist Church. We were excited to welcome National Youth of the year, Titobi, as our inspiring guest speaker! We received nominations from a variety of sources throughout the community, all highlighting extraordinary youth. 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:

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Nominations for the 7th Annual Youth Awards will open in February, 2026. Who will you nominate?

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Fall 2025

One Young Man's Story of Resilience

Sometimes there's a story that just sticks with you. A story of resilience, of overcoming odds, of creating connections with the people who can help you, of humility and compassion.

That's how our team describes Ryan Fraser's story.

He's a youth who might have gone in another direction. With two parents who struggled with addiction, then a guardian who was meant to protect him, but abused him, Ryan struck out alone on a bus to find his extended family. Still without stability in his life, he bounced around from homes with family, to friends, to a partner's family, to a motel, all before turning 16. It all took a toll on his mental health.

Ryan has been involved at BGC Kawarthas' Youth Warehouse and other youth programs at the Club for a few years. Staff are impressed by his resourcefulness and personal drive. He demonstrates kindness and compassion towards others, loves helping out, and strives to make other youth feel comfortable. In 2024, Ryan completed the Leaders in Training program at the club where youth volunteer to support children in summer camp. Again, he made a strong impression on our team. His punctuality, professionalism and commitment stood out. He went far beyond requirements and completed 119 community service hours in one summer.

Ryan set a goal for himself this year – to secure his first paying job – and he did it! You'll find him working at Canadian Tire in Lindsay after school.

His motivation to keep chasing the things he wants out of life is inspiring to many. In spite of the immense hardships Ryan's been through that undoubtedly could have sent him down a negative path, Ryan has persevered and has come out the other side a strong, outstanding young person. He has gone to great lengths to create the best possible life for himself and strives for greatness, and despite the odds, he's thriving.

Ryan was recognized by his peers and BGC staff, and won the Resiliency Award at the Kawartha Lakes Youth Awards in 2025.

Amy Terrill, Executive Director

Part of Ryan's journey was here at BGC Kawarthas. While we wouldn't dare take credit for his success, it reminds me of the current BGC Canada storyline – that every young person deserves a "third place." More than just a space, a third place is a place beyond home and school where young people can feel safe, supported, and connected. At BGC Clubs across Canada, over 160,000 young people each year find that place – a welcoming environment to play, learn, share a meal, and connect with caring members. This is the place that Ryan found at BGC Kawarthas. And we're glad he did. Will you help us provide this "third place" to more youth like Ryan?



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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.

Smile Cookie Campaign in Peterborough

In the Spring, the BGC Kawarthas Foundation benefitted from Peterborough's Smile Cookie campaign. Operated by Tim Hortons, the Smile Cookie campaign is a yearly event which began in 1996. For one week, Tim Hortons restaurants across Canada sell chocolate chip cookies, with proceeds going towards charities and community groups selected by restaurant owners. Since its inception it has raised more than \$151 million for various charities and groups. This year, BGC Kawarthas Foundation was selected as one of the recipients for proceeds earned at 19 Peterborough locations. Proceeds were shared with the Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (CMHA HKPR), and Five Counties Children's Centre.

Thanks to the support of the community, and the help of staff from the recipient businesses, \$125,000 was raised. Of the funds raised, \$62,511.24 went to Five Counties' Building Abilities for Life Campaign, with the other half going to support youth mental health programs through BGC Kawarthas in conjunction with CMHA HKPR.

"On behalf of all the staff and volunteers from BGC Kawarthas, thank you to the hard-working staff and owners of the Tim Hortons restaurants," says Amy Terrill, Executive Director of BGC Kawarthas. *"It was a distinct pleasure to be involved in the Smile Cookie campaign with our amazing partners at Five Counties Children's Centre and CMHA HKPR. With the support of our community, many children and their families will benefit as a result."*



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The Loft in Fenelon Falls

We're excited to announce our youth drop-in program in Fenelon Falls, The Loft, has a new home!

Thanks to a partnership with Home by Tim + Chris, on October 7, we'll open a new dedicated youth space at 30 Colborne St. beside the Colborne Gallery. "This beautiful space is so welcoming, visible to the community and closer to the schools," says Amy Terrill, BGC Kawarthas Executive Director. "It's a great combination to allow us to expand our hours, develop more programming, and attract more support and partners."

After school programs will operated for youth aged 12-17 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 – 6 p.m.! Many of the activities that youth enjoyed in the previous location in the basement of Fenelon Falls United Church will continue, with more to come! Watch our social media for information about an Open House and programming partnerships.



Phil Hodgson HB Cycle, Jeff & Amy Terrill

Jeff Beukeboom 31st Charity Classic

Thank you to our sponsors, golfers and auction donors who helped to make this year's tournament so successful raising **\$50,000!** 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 and are offered with the guarantee that no child will ever be denied access to an opportunity to participate in a program due to financial difficulties. Your participation truly makes a difference!



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