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YMCAs in Atlantic Canada Receive Generous Support from The Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation

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St. John's – The YMCAs in Atlantic Canada are thrilled to announce a significant donation from The Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation, which will directly impact the lives of 1,000 children by enabling them to attend camp this summer. This generous contribution to the YMCA's Give the Gift of Camp campaign will help remove barriers to camp participation for families across the region, with a special focus on supporting newcomer children.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation for their generous and thoughtful donation," remarked Anna Barnes, Vice President, YMCA Atlantic Regional Development Centre (RDC). "This support will be instrumental in our efforts to provide inclusive camp experiences for all children and their families, particularly those facing challenges accessing such opportunities."

The Foundation's donation aligns with the YMCA's mission to create safe and supportive environments where children can learn, grow, and discover their potential. By addressing barriers to camp participation, including financial constraints and cultural differences, the YMCA aims to ensure that every child has the chance to experience the joys of summer camp.

"We are deeply grateful for this donation, which enables us to expand our reach and make a meaningful difference in the lives of children across Atlantic Canada," added Barnes.

With the support of The Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation, the YMCA Give the Gift of Camp campaign is well on its way to achieving its goal of sending 1,300 kids to camp this summer. The Foundation's commitment to supporting newcomer children underscores its dedication to fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for all members of the community.

To learn more about how you can support the YMCA's Give the Gift of Camp campaign or to inquire about camp registration, visit your local YMCA or their website: ymcanl.com

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ABOUT THE ATLANTIC YMCAS

The YMCA is a charity that ignites the potential in people, helping them grow, lead, and give back to their communities. The YMCAs in Atlantic Canada (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia) are comprised of 11 YMCA Member Associations: The YMCA of Greater Moncton, YMCA of Fredericton, YMCA of G Southwestern New Brunswick, YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia, YMCA of Cape Breton, Pictou County YMCA, YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth, YMCA of Cumberland, YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador, YMCA of Exploits Valley, YMCA of Western Newfoundland)

YMCA's create opportunities for personal growth, foster connection, and support change. The YMCA ensures that everyone has access to the essentials needed to learn, grow, and thrive. Though the world may be unpredictable, the YMCA remains a constant: dedicated to building healthy, strong, and connected communities where everyone belongs.

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