

Inspiration

A Newsletter for the Supporters & Friends
of Merry Go Round Children's Foundation

FALL 2016

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INSPIRATION GAMES

TWENTY SIXTEEN

Students Celebrate Success

Thanks to *Kids, Cops & Computers* program and donated laptops.

On June 2nd, 600 students, 20 police officers, 36 educators, volunteers, donors, and special guests convened at The Hangar at Downsview Park for *Inspiration Games* 2016 to congratulate the *Kids, Cops & Computers* Class of 2015 – 2016 on successfully completing year one of the program and moving on to the next exciting stage.

The day was filled with active games, an HP tech station, a photo booth, and an awards ceremony, including scholarships, door prizes and more. Master of Ceremonies Patricia Jaggernauth, returning for her third year, kept the day moving with her energetic and upbeat commentary.

The event marks the day that students officially earn personal ownership of their donated laptops to use in their future studies in grade 8 and through high school. Alumni volunteer Tina Davoudbeiglou, currently studying nursing, recalls the importance of *Kids, Cops & Computers*, "This program has given me the confidence and encouragement to pursue my education. It's made a big difference in my life for the better."



Inspiration Games



Student Winners



Officer & Educator Award Winners

Special thanks to event contributors and volunteers.

Activity Leaders: Students of Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School and Blessed Cardinal Newman



KIDS GIVE BACK!

Paying it forward for future *Kids, Cops & Computers* students

Hats off to *Kids, Cops & Computers* students who raised funds to support future student participation. Through the *Kids Give Back* initiative, students demonstrate good citizenship and leadership within their school community and become part of the legacy that allows more youth to participate.

This year eight schools undertook various activities within their school communities to raise funds and give back. Their combined efforts raised an outstanding \$3272!

Congratulations to Islington Junior Middle school for winning the Top Fundraiser Award, and raising an amazing \$834! Special thanks to the students, educators and officers of the following schools whose efforts will make a significant difference to future students.



Our Lady of the Assumption



St. Joseph Catholic School



St. Rose of Lima



Rockcliffe Middle School



St. Luigi Catholic School



St. Lawrence Catholic School



Emily Carr Public School



Islington Junior Middle School

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

100% of today's cover charge goes directly to support Merry Go Round Children's Foundation's signature program



Our unique solution helps kids become better community citizens
Thank you to the Bier Markt for the continued support! May the luck of the Irish be with you!

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St. Patrick's Day Celebrations benefit *Kids, Cops & Computers* students.

For the past four years, Merry Go Round Children's Foundation has experienced a little luck of the Irish thanks to Bier Markt locations across the GTA. The restaurants have partnered with *Kids, Cops & Computers* each St. Patrick's Day to raise awareness and funds for the Program.

Since 2013, Bier Markt has raised \$22,350 to assist GTA youth to access technology and mentoring through *Kids, Cops & Computers* so they may achieve their academic and social potential.

This year five Bier Markt locations donated 100% of St. Patrick's Day cover charges raising \$6,375.

"We are pleased to support such a worthy cause," said Robert Medal, Operating Partner at Bier Markt. "Access to technology is essential for any student to achieve success today. *Kids, Cops & Computers* excels at providing this support through its partnership with the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Public and Catholic School Boards."

My Inspiration

Pati Greenwood, President & CEO, Merry Go Round Children's Foundation



It is such an honour to be part of the Merry Go Round family. I have now completed six months as President & CEO and I continue to be amazed at the generosity and commitment of our donors and volunteers.

Like you, I strongly believe that all children, regardless of circumstances, should have equal opportunities to succeed.

It is thanks to you that 645 students were assisted to reach their academic and social potential this year through their involvement in the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program.

The evidence of your impact can be seen in this year's survey results, some of which are summarized below. More importantly, your impact can be seen in the faces of the students who just celebrated their success at *Inspiration Games*. And it is heard through the words of our students like Millicent and Mercy who spoke in February at the *12th Annual Celebrity Sports Mixer*:

"...it was always a struggle to do my best work because we had to take turns using the computer. Since receiving my laptop, the quality of my homework and computer skills have improved a lot." *Millicent*

"Now that I've had my laptop for just over a year, it has truly been a great help and I thank you." *Mercy*

Your gifts have supported the success of thousands of students just like Mercy and Millicent. Our future is filled with opportunity. Together, we will build upon the strong base already established to bring the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program to students in communities across Canada so they too may access the technology and tools they need to achieve their academic & social potential.

2016 Survey Results



92% of Officers believe the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program helped to improve the relationship between youth in the program and police officers.



More than half of educators noticed an improvement in grades of students enrolled in the KCC Program.



83% of Grade 7 students are confident using the internet since starting the KCC Program.



100% of graduating parents believe that the access to a computer provided by KCC has had a positive impact on their child's academic success.

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