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Taking a break from a morning of playing soccer with students at *Inspiration Games 2018*, PC Tony Santeramo of Toronto Police Service shares his thoughts on the impact of the Program:

“Kids, Cops & Computers gives me the opportunity to be in schools in the community and learn from the students. It is a wonderful chance for us to connect, and for me to provide feedback and support to give back to them.”

The annual celebration took place at the Hangar at Downsview Park on May 31st to congratulate 625 Grade 7 students on completing their first-year requirements and earning ownership of their new laptops.

Media personality Devo Brown pumped up the crowd and led the day’s program as the Master of Ceremonies. Students, teachers, officers, and special guests joined in on fun and active games, took turns spinning a wheel-o-prizes at the HP station, enjoyed lunch from long-term supporter Pizza Nova, and were recognized at a special awards ceremony for Program participants.

Thanks to donors like you, over 600 students in Toronto were given the opportunity to develop stronger digital literacy skills and receive engaging mentorship through participation in the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program this year.



Marcel Dionne



KCC Kids Give Back to the Community

Student leaders pay it forward for future *Kids, Cops & Computers* students

Cheers erupted across the Hangar at Downsview Park as students from St. Lawrence Catholic School, this year's recipient of the *KCC School of the Year* award, headed on stage at *Inspiration Games*. Having raised an outstanding **\$1500** through their *KCC Kids Give Back* fundraisers, they received recognition as the top fundraising school this year!

The *KCC Kids Give Back* initiative gives students the chance to demonstrate their community and leadership skills through holding their own school-wide fundraisers to

help fund future student participation in the Program.

The hard work, organization and creativity of eleven Toronto schools participating this year raised an incredible **\$5,453** for students next year – **the highest amount to date!**

Giving youth the chance to see how their actions can positively impact others is an invaluable experience for their development as young adults. Your support of *Kids, Cops & Computers* makes this opportunity possible.



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School



St. Lawrence Catholic School



Islington Junior Middle School



Connecting Youth to the Future Sponsor Spotlight on Trapeze Capital Corp.

Thanks to generous sponsors, Merry Go Round Children's Foundation has been able to support hundreds of students every year with the tools to reach their unlimited potential. Since 2015, Trapeze Capital Corp. has invested in our youth and their participation in the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program. The company has been a generous supporter of the *Annual Celebrity Sports Mixer* fundraisers for the past four years. Coming on in 2015 as a Gold Sponsor, they increased their support to the Platinum level for the following three years.

Established in 1998, Trapeze Capital Corp. is an investment dealer providing discretionary portfolio management for institutions and high net-worth individuals, primarily through separately managed accounts.

Ari Scheer, Director of Issuer Services for Trapeze Capital Corp, attended *Inspiration Games 2018* as an award presenter in support of the students completing their first year with the Program.

"It is wonderful to see all the students here today having a fun time. I have three children myself and I know how important it is to help youth get their leg up in society through being able to access technology and develop as better individuals. This is a great cause, and I'm happy to support the Kids, Cops & Computers program."

Special thanks to Trapeze Capital Corp. for their ongoing support of the youth across Toronto.



Ari Scheer and Sarah Paterson presenting student awards at *Inspiration Games 2018*



Supporters from Trapeze Capital Corp at the *14th Celebrity Sports Mixer*

Meet Ajani, KCC Student and Tech Whiz

My name is Ajani, and I am a Grade 7 student at Beverly Heights Middle School. I was enrolled in *Kids, Cops & Computers* this past year, and really enjoyed my time in the Program. Before joining KCC last September, my family had two older laptops at home. I always had to wait to use them for my schoolwork as I was sharing them with my two older brothers.

Now that I have my own HP laptop, I can do better work and also learn new skills. I have gotten better at using the computer and knowing how to safely download files without causing viruses.

During the year, I led a Tech Talk for the school on the announcements. I gave tips to students about online safety and how to stop cyber bullying which were topics we learned about in KCC *Lead & Learn* sessions.

I like to get involved through my passion for dance. I am on the dance squad at Beverly Heights. I also joined a dance academy in the community.

Thank you so much for supporting the Program and helping me and other students learn more through the *Kids, Cops & Computers* program.



COMING UP

Inspiration NIGHT 2018

HOSTED BY RUDYARD GRIFFITHS

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THEO TAMS OF SLAIGHT MUSIC



WHEN: OCTOBER 23, 2018
6:00 - 9:30PM

WHERE: THE CARLU
444 Yonge Street, Toronto

Join us for an intimate evening of cocktails, dinner, and inspiration.

Proceeds support Merry Go Round Children's Foundation's *Kids, Cops & Computers* program.

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