

KidsAbility In The News

Partners For Bright Futures

Innovative partnership will open the doors to share knowledge and resources to benefit local children.

KidsAbility - Centre for Child Development and the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine at McMaster University celebrated a historic partnership that will help shape pediatric health services for children in Waterloo Region and Guelph Wellington.

"They (students) will see the amazing potential of the children and their families. We hope that contact with KidsAbility staff and sites will interest young physicians to stay in our community and show them the range of services for children in our community," said Dr. Janet Speight, KidsAbility's Director of Medical Services.

Many families at KidsAbility have utilized services at McMaster in their child's journey. Claire Stultz, this year's Guelph Ambassador is one child who has benefitted from the caring and dedicated staff at KidsAbility and McMaster, both of which strive to be on the leading edge of innovation to help children reach their full potential.

"Every child and family that is seen is given a wonderful gift by KidsAbility," says Leanne, Claire's mom.



 KidsAbility's Guelph Ambassador, Claire Stultz, is pictured with Dr. Cathy Morris, Regional Assistant Dean, Waterloo Regional Campus, Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, McMaster University.

"All of our kids have potential inside of them, sometimes locked up tight. But with knowledge, patience and compassion, KidsAbility helps them reach that potential, whatever that might be and it is done in a way that is respectful and kind. Our kids aren't looked through or over, but rather seen as the beautiful special kids they are."



3rd Annual KidsAbility 
1KM Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, June 7 from 10am to 12pm • West End Community Centre, Guelph

Please join us in making a difference by walking or running in this fun-filled family morning. Prizes, activities, a free BBQ and the opportunity to try an adapted bike will be provided. Last year over \$20,000 was raised which helped provide therapy for children with physical and developmental disabilities in Guelph and Wellington County.

For more information or to register, contact: Caroline Davidson
at cdavidson@kidsability.ca or by phone at 519-780-0186 ext. 300.

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Upcoming Events

in support of KidsAbility

Friday, April 3



Live from Conestoga Mall in Waterloo.
Proudly presented by 96.7 CHYM FM, KIX 106.7, 570 NEWS and Rogers TV. To get involved, please visit www.kidsability.ca.

Sunday, June 7

KidsAbility 1KM Fun Run/Walk
At the West End Community Centre.

Wednesday, July 1

Duck Races

Join us for this annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of Guelph-Wellington at Riverside Park.. For more details visit www.gotduck.ca.

Leave a Legacy

Your Planned Gift - whether a bequest, a gift of securities, a gift of life insurance or another type of gift - will ensure the long-term financial health of KidsAbility. Your legacy will help future generations of children to reach their full potential.

For more information on how you can leave a lasting legacy to KidsAbility, please call: 519.886.8886 ext. 201

Partners for Success

Growing Great Kids...



One Kid At A Time!

For the first time children with special needs and their families will have access to a system of coordinated, integrated care with the *Growing Great Kids* approach. Through one point of contact, families will be connected to a host of local support services for their child. This coordinated approach will mean one assessment at one location by one team. A unique referral process that will be integral to providing a single plan of action for children 0-6 years who have special physical, social and emotional development and communication needs.

Growing Great Kids is a new service delivery model and is the only of its kind in Guelph and Wellington County. Services will now be linked together, providing a team approach to each individual child's care. Families in Guelph and Wellington County are encouraged to call the KIDS LINE at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 3616 to access *Growing Great Kids*.

Thank You!

To the following community partners whose support has helped to give our children a bright a future:

- Foundation & Rotary Club of Fergus Elora - \$6,000
- Guelph Storm - \$1,127
- Kortright Hills Public School - \$4,943
- Optimist Club of Puslinch - \$1,500
- Royal Bank - \$2,000
- The Guelph Community Foundation - \$1,500
- Winmar - \$5,000

We apologize for any names omitted in error.

The KidsAbility Choir!

Experienced choir director and music therapist, Brian Garner, will be directing our budding talent as they learn to find their voices through song, rhythm and simple instruments. The KidsAbility Choir will be available to sing at community events throughout Guelph-Wellington. If you are interested in having our choir which is composed of children and teens ages 10 to 18, please contact KidsAbility in Guelph at 519.780.0186. Add some creative flair to your event by booking this enthusiastic group!

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