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TAKING FLIGHT

Building for New Generations



Lake Scugog Camp

TAKING FLIGHT COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK

In the late 1980's, a report on the future use of the Lake Scugog Camp site indicated, "Scugog has reached or is about to reach a turning point. Its facilities, never very sophisticated, are 'worn out'". Camp activities continued on, but it was apparent a decision was required on whether or not the program was still needed and if a large capital investment was warranted. An intensive review of the value of the program was undertaken in 1995. Surveys were initiated, consultations were held, partner agencies were interviewed, and numerous meetings were convened. The results were clear. Economic and political changes had been such that subsidized camp programming was in even greater demand. Every effort needed to be made to ensure a meaningful camp experience for those among us who are marginalized because of poverty and/or come from difficult family situations.

Toronto United Church Council made the important decision to continue this essential program and to redevelop the facilities. A plan was then developed for the capital restoration of the grounds and buildings using the following principles:

- the focus would be upon good stewardship and environmental care.
- wherever possible, volunteers or self-help agency clients were to be involved in the construction work.
- all improvements were to add to the safety and security of the site and/or enhance community and/or provide for the comfort and well-being of both campers and staff.

An inventory of the buildings was made and a listing of renovations required for each was compiled. The TAKING FLIGHT capital campaign was initiated and construction began in the summer of 1996.

The members of Council's Board of Directors knew in order to achieve success, they must be strongly committed to the restoration plan and be ready to work hard. They also knew they could not do it alone and partners were needed who shared the same goals of offering hope and love.

This celebration book recognizes all those individuals, foundations, businesses and churches who caught the vision of TAKING FLIGHT and so enthusiastically supported the initiative with their gifts of time, money and prayer. Their willingness to give was a wonderful and generous gesture to a new generation of Lake Scugog campers.

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Grand Benefactors - \$100,000 and over
Patrons - \$6,000 to \$25,000
Supporters - \$3,000 to \$5,999
Friends - \$500 to \$2,999
Contributors - up to \$499
Builders - volunteer workers
Amount received and pledged to
TAKING FLIGHT - \$434,000

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we are and all that we have come as gifts from you, O God. With open hands and hearts, we offer to you our gratitude for your incredible grace and generosity. We thank you that you have provided us with this opportunity to give. May our offerings be a symbol of our faith, our commitment to do your will, and our promise to stand in support and solidarity with all our brothers and sisters.

We pray for the many special campers who have and will continue to enjoy Lake Scugog Camp. Through their experiences in this place, help them to know the infinite circle of your love and your care that is with them always. May they find here an accepting and inclusive community. And may the memory-filled experiences of their time at camp always be with them to give shape to their relationships and activities throughout their lives. Amen.