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The Gateway to Amazing Camp Experiences

Dear CQE Community,

We are reaching out to you, our valued CQE community, with an exciting opportunity to support YMCA of Southwestern Ontario's Camp Queen Elizabeth (CQE). As you know, CQE's waterfront is the heart of our camp experience. It's where campers build lifelong memories, from their first canoe paddle to their final sunset swim. Today, we invite you to join us in a critical project to enhance and preserve this cherished space for future generations.

The Challenge: A Dock System Nearing the End of Its Life

Our beloved docks have served us well for many years, enduring the vibrant energy of hundreds of campers and the natural forces of Georgian Bay. However, the time has come for these docks to be retired. The years have taken their toll, with the metal connectors challenged under stress and the impact of Goblin Bay's strong winds. While the docks have remained safe, they are at the end of their useful life. If not replaced, they could become a safety risk and may no longer function as needed.



The Solution: A New, Sustainable, and Durable Dock System

With your support, we aim to install a new dock system that reflects our commitment to safety, sustainability, and an enjoyable experience. The new design will incorporate:

- **Durable Construction**: Utilizing environmentally responsible pontoons.
- **Enhanced Safety**: A robust anchoring system to withstand the waves and winds of Georgian Bay, providing a secure platform for our campers.

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- Functional Design: Enhance safety and functionality by providing clearly defined areas for various activities, allowing campers, families, and visitors to enjoy different experiences simultaneously.
- Adaptation to Environmental Changes: Repositioning the docks to take advantage of deeper, safer swimming areas in response to changing water levels.

The Need: Join Us in Transforming Our Waterfront With Your Support!



We are embarking on a \$250,000 fundraising campaign to bring this vision to life. Your generosity will directly impact the lives of our campers, ensuring they have a safe and welcoming waterfront to enjoy for years to come.

We invite you to be a part of this transformative project. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. To honour your generosity, we will recognize donors on a permanent sign by the waterfront, celebrating your role in preserving the CQE legacy. Invitations will be delivered once we have confirmed a

date for the festivities, providing an opportunity for donors to see and experience their impact firsthand.

Together, we can make it happen! By donating, you are not just contributing to a structure; you are investing in the future of CQE, fostering a space where new generations can create their own memories and friendships.





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Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of the **CQE family.** Together, we can ensure that the spirit and joy of CQE thrive for many years to come.

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P.S. Need a reminder why everyone loves CQE? Take a <u>peek here</u> – **YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth - A Place for Memories** – to hear from our campers and counsellors directly.