



Urgent Support Needed for Mulhurst Camp

Dear Mulhurst Friend and Supporter,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. Over the years, your unwavering support has been instrumental in making Mulhurst Camp a cherished experience for countless young people. Today, we come to you with an urgent request for financial assistance as we face some unexpected challenges.

For many years, our camp has been fortunate to receive funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant, support which played a significant role in ensuring the success and accessibility of our summer camp program and which covered the majority of our Summer Staff costs. Traditionally, we receive approval of this government funding at the end of April. This year in mid-June when we inquired regarding the status of our application, we were deeply disappointed to learn that our application for the grant was likely not going to be successful. However, we were given some hope that there may be a chance of at least partial funding. Unfortunately, on July 13, we received final confirmation that we did not receive any grant funding. The timing of this news was not good, as we had already hired staff in April, trained staff in June and were running our second camp by mid July.

The Canada Summer Jobs Grant has been a cornerstone of our Summer Program funding structure for many years, and its absence leaves us with a substantial financial gap that we urgently need to fill. Last year we received nearly \$40,000 from the CSJ Grant, leaving a deficit in our Summer Program of approximately \$16,000. Going forward, it is understood that our Summer Program must be redesigned in such a way as to no longer be dependent on Canada Summer Jobs funding. Our commitment to delivering a life-changing experience for our campers remains unwavering, but we need your help. That's why we are turning to you.

At this point there are some very difficult decisions to be made. Currently, we cannot afford to hire a new Executive Director and by the end of this year, we also need to pay back our Canadian Emergency Business Account (COVID) loan. Provided \$40,000 of this \$60,000 loan is paid back this year, \$20,000 is forgiven and not repayable. COVID had a deep financial impact on our camp and we still have not recovered to our previous camp enrolment numbers. Looking forward, we also need to finish the kitchen in our new expansion at significant cost in order for us to generate more facility-based revenue to support our camp, including the Summer Program.

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We understand that times are challenging for everyone, and we are genuinely grateful for any support you can provide. No amount is too small, and every dollar counts in our mission to continue Mulhurst Camp programming. As a Board, we are committed to creatively devising new ways to operate, restructuring Summer Programming and staffing without reliance on the Summer Jobs Grant, seeking out new funding and fundraising opportunities, listening to our stakeholders and collaborating with other camps in order to be financially sustainable, and to be good stewards of money that is donated to the camp. Obstacles, such as the ones we are facing now, allow us an opportunity for reflection, growth and change. We will remain strong advocates for this camp and are excited to do the work required to keep it thriving.

If you, your church community, or someone you know are able to help financially at this time, there are various ways to contribute:

1. Make a one-time donation online through our website
2. E-transfer to office@mulhurstcamp.ca
3. Set up a recurring donation to provide ongoing support for our camp programs.
4. Send a cheque to Mulhurst Lutheran Church Camp



We also ask for your prayers for the future of our camp, those working and volunteering there and for those making decisions.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to a board member, our Chairperson David Milne (780 718 4638).

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for being a member of our camp family and for considering our request for support. Our summer camp has always been a place where faith is strengthened, friendships are forged, and memories are created. Beyond the fun and games, our camp fosters personal growth and self-confidence in our campers, preparing them to become future leaders of our church and society. By supporting Mulhurst Camp, you contribute not only to the enrichment of individual lives, but also to the betterment of our community as a whole.

With your help, we hope to look forward to a brighter future for "Our Place in the Son."

Sincerely,

The Mulhurst Camp Board

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