



## Media Release

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The Simcoe Community Services Foundation held its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club in Orillia. Over \$30,000 in net proceeds will benefit youth with intellectual disabilities in the Barrie and Orillia area through the Youth in Action program. The funds raised will assist local youth to build life and social skills thus helping them to realize their potential. It was an excellent day on the golf course with both a silent and live auction, plus plenty of games. Emcee Jamie Hall of CHAY Today 93.1FM presided over the banquet and the awards ceremony.

RBC Dominion Securities once again stepped up to be the Presenting Sponsor and Ron Ptasiuk, explains why this tournament is important. "The golf tournament was a great success. People really enjoyed themselves. We all felt like we were participating in something awesome! When the youth participant did her presentation, it connected us to her and how important she felt it was to have the opportunity to participate in the Youth In Action program offerings. Her enthusiasm and determination were felt by everyone. I was PROUD to be involved as the tournament sponsor."

Simcoe Community Services Foundation acknowledges the great community support of their many sponsors, donors and golfers. The golf tournament was made possible due to the support of our major sponsors **RBC Dominion Securities, Desjardins Insurance, Equitable Life of Canada, Martino Contractors, Comvida Corporation, Fidelity Investments, Roderick H. Young Architect**, along with many other generous businesses, individuals and in-kind supporters.

The Simcoe Community Services Foundation depends on community partners to improve the quality of life for youth with intellectual disabilities. For information on how you can support this golf tournament next year which takes place on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2015, please contact Lisa Spinks-Smith, Fund Developer for Simcoe Community Services Foundation at [lspinks-smith@simcoecommunityservices.ca](mailto:lspinks-smith@simcoecommunityservices.ca).

*Jocelyn Druer volunteered at the putting contest. Although being only a one armed golfer, she shot a birdie in 2013 at Hawk Ridge which was proudly captured on the Simcoe Community Services documentary, available for viewing at [www.RogersTV.com/InFocusIHaveAVoice](http://www.RogersTV.com/InFocusIHaveAVoice). Jocelyn aka "Birdie Girl" readily shared her golfing tips.*

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***About Simcoe Community Services Foundation***

*The Simcoe Community Services Foundation partners directly with Simcoe Community Services in providing supports and services to children, teens and adults who have an intellectual disability. Funds raised by the Foundation go towards significantly improving the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities. Simcoe Community Services was recently reaccredited by the Council of Quality and Leadership, an international person-centered accreditation body and had the distinction of being the first organization in Canada to be awarded the accreditation designation of Person Centered Excellence.*

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