*O CANADA! THE SPIRIT OF SPORT–* A GREAT SUCCESS!

On April 9, Kids in Camp hosted a jovial, camping crowd gathered at Spirale in Toronto for a most enjoyable fundraising evening. With a drink in one hand and a tasty appetizer in the other, folks drifted around the room chatting and laughing with friends and colleagues while pausing frequently to bid on a great array of auction items.

At 8:00 pm, KIC President, Bob Smith, welcomed all and the formal program began with Rachel Savlov, an eleven-year-old New Moon camper and winner of the 2014 *Pass the Music On* event. The audience was enthralled with Rachel’s powerful performance – such a big voice from a little girl!

Mary Hynes, host of Tapestry on CBC Radio One, then introduced Scott Russell, anchor of CBC Sports Weekend. Scott began his inspirational and emotional address by describing his life-long passion for sport, which was nurtured at camp. As a young Kilcoo camper participating in the Kilcoo-version of the Olympic Games under the influence of Chief, John Latimer, Scott experienced the exhilaration and satisfaction of striving and being part of a team. Scott believes that activity and sport are essential to our well-being and there is no better place to experience both than at camp!

The KIC Board and event organizers, Barb and Peter Gilbert together with their large committee of volunteers, truly appreciate the participation of all the OCA camp directors and staff who stole time from their busy pre-season schedules to join us – with special thanks to the many who travelled a considerable distance on a rainy night. We greatly appreciate the sixty-seven auction donations, including many by supportive OCA Preferred Vendors, which provided a wide range of desirable items for a fabulous silent auction. The enthusiastic bidding netted over $6,000. Thanks also to all the Friends of KIC who attended to add their substantial support to a great evening. The net result of over $14,000 along with donations and funds raised at other KIC fundraising events will help many more deserving children enjoy camp in 2016. Our most sincere thanks!

Bob Smith

President

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