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Golf Classic Raises Funds to Support Children and Youth Across Niagara

YMCA of Niagara and Stamford Kiwanis Club co-host successful charity tournament at Thundering Waters Golf Club

Niagara Falls, ON — **August 26, 2025** – Golfers, sponsors, and community partners came together on Wednesday, August 20, at <u>Thundering Waters Golf Club</u> for the **2025 Stamford Kiwanis YMCA of Niagara Golf Classic.** The charity tournament supports child and youth programs across the region—from mentorship and leadership training to summer camp experiences and school-based support.

Bringing 110 golfers together, the event raised over \$15,000 that will be invested in community-based programming to help remove financial barriers and create lasting opportunities for children and youth across Niagara.

Powered by Title Sponsor <u>FirstOntario Credit Union</u>, the event was a day of community connection and impact, complete with 18 holes of golf, contests, sponsor activations, and a celebratory dinner.

"FirstOntario Credit Union has been part of this community for 86 years and we recognize the importance of investing in young people, and we do so through our support for student nutrition programs, financial literacy education and youth, health and wellness. We were proud to be a part of this event, which is contributing to a strong, vibrant community," said David Moore, Chief Retail Banking Officer, FirstOntario Credit Union.

This year marked the first time the tournament was co-hosted by the <u>YMCA of Niagara</u>, in partnership with the longstanding leadership of the <u>Stamford Kiwanis Club</u>. The collaboration brought together two purpose-driven organizations committed to creating brighter futures for young people in Niagara.

"We were proud to partner with Stamford Kiwanis to elevate this meaningful event," said Christian Wulff, CEO of the YMCA of Niagara. "By working together, we're able to expand our reach, strengthen community connections, and ensure more children and families have access to programs that help them grow and thrive."

"This tournament has always been about supporting kids and families," said Don Graham of the Stamford Kiwanis Club. "Partnering with the YMCA this year gave us a broader platform—and deeper impact. We're grateful to everyone who supported the cause."

Just like a well-coordinated foursome — or even one that bogeyed its way through the day — the tournament was a reflection of shared purpose in action. A few hours away from the

office, spent connecting on the course, translated into something far more lasting: support for children, youth, and families across Niagara.

The YMCA of Niagara and Stamford Kiwanis Club extend heartfelt thanks to **FirstOntario Credit Union**, as well as to **Thundering Waters Golf Club** for hosting, and to **meal sponsors CAA Niagara and ServiceMaster**, whose support helped make the day possible. The tournament experience was elevated by the energy and creativity of our **hole sponsors**, whose activations brought each stop on the course to life and created memorable connections throughout the day. We're also grateful to our **media partners, Giant FM and Country 89**, for helping us share the impact of the event with the broader Niagara community.

Ongoing photo and event highlights will be available at: ymcaofniagara.org/news/

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About the YMCA of Niagara

The YMCA of Niagara is a charity that ignites the potential in people, helping them grow, lead, and give back to their communities. We believe everyone has the innate potential to thrive and are dedicated to empowering individuals to tap into their full abilities. Through diverse programs and services, we foster connection, cultivate belonging, and support well-being to elevate the potential of every person and build a stronger, more connected Niagara Region. To learn more, visit www.ymcaofniagara.org

