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Partnership Powers Annual Stamford Kiwanis YMCA of Niagara Golf Classic

More than a golf tournament, the annual event brings together community partners committed to creating opportunities for children, youth, and families across Niagara.

Niagara Falls, ON, August 11, 2026 — One service club. One charity. One community-minded financial institution. Together, they showed what is possible when organizations unite around a shared purpose.

More than 120 golfers joined volunteers, sponsors, and local partners for the **Stamford Kiwanis YMCA of Niagara Golf Classic**, powered by returning Title Sponsor **FirstOntario Credit Union**. The annual tournament supports YMCA of Niagara programs and Stamford Kiwanis initiatives that remove barriers, expand access, and strengthen communities across Niagara.

The tournament continues to demonstrate the power of partnership. By bringing together the Stamford Kiwanis Club, YMCA of Niagara, FirstOntario Credit Union, local businesses, volunteers, and community members, the event has become more than a fundraiser. It's a reflection of what happens when organizations with different strengths invest in a stronger Niagara.

Throughout the day, participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf, friendly competition, on-course contests, sponsor activations, and an evening celebration, all while supporting a commitment to strengthening the region we call home.

"No one organization can meet every need in our community on its own. That's why partnerships like this are so important. Each partner brings a unique role, perspective, and strength, and together we're building a stronger network of support that removes barriers and expands access for children, youth, and families across Niagara. That's how we build communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

—Christian Wulff, President & CEO, YMCA of Niagara

"The partnership between the Stamford Kiwanis Club and the YMCA of Niagara reflects the very best of what our community stands for. People coming together in service of others with a shared commitment to helping local families. We're proud to partner with the YMCA to provide meaningful opportunities for children, youth, and families throughout our community. It's something we are incredibly proud to be part of."

—Don Graham, Club Member, Stamford Kiwanis Club

"At FirstOntario Credit Union, we believe strong communities are built through meaningful partnerships and investments in organizations that help people thrive. We are proud to return as Title Sponsor of the YMCA Niagara Golf Tournament, supporting the important work of YMCA Niagara and Stamford Kiwanis in creating opportunities for children, youth and families across our region. As a locally rooted credit union, giving back is at the heart of who we are, and we are committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen community connections and promote well-being for everyone."

–Matthew Maguire, Regional Vice President, Retail Banking, First Ontario Credit Union

The Stamford Kiwanis Club and YMCA of Niagara extend their sincere thanks to Title Sponsor FirstOntario Credit Union, Rolling Meadows Golf & Country Club, event sponsors, golfers, volunteers, donors, and community partners whose generosity made the day possible.

The final fundraising total will be announced in the coming days. One thing is already clear: when organizations unite around a shared purpose, communities grow stronger.

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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

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