

# Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds & Grenville

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## Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville Announces Community Project Fund Awardees

Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville is pleased to announce Community Project Fund recipients. The Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville Community Project Fund is designed to engage communities to help create supportive environments for children to be active. Just over \$100,000 in total has been awarded to fifteen recipients across Leeds and Grenville.

With funds made available through the Government of Ontario, Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville created the Community Project Fund to support the first Healthy Kids Community Challenge theme: Run. Jump. Play. Every Day. Charitable or non-profit organizations/ groups were encouraged to submit their ideas for innovative projects that promote physical activity and create supportive environments for children 0-12 years old.

“We are thrilled to see so many unique and exciting projects in our community that will create more opportunities for children and families to be active together,” says Joanne Desormeaux, Healthy Kids Community Challenge Facilitator in Leeds and Grenville. “Some projects include opportunities for active play such as outdoor nature programs, recreation lending libraries, trail exploration and geocaching, while others provide more structured physical activity opportunities such as swimming lessons, baseball, therapeutic riding and early years/afterschool programs,” says Desormeaux.

Getting the whole community involved to positively influence health outcomes for children and families is at the foundation of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. The Community Project Fund builds on this foundation and allows our community to create supportive environments for children to Run. Jump. Play. Every Day.

Throughout the month of March, Healthy Kids Community Challenge Community Project Fund recipients will be hosting Launch Events to generate awareness and enthusiasm for projects. To find out what is happening in your community and to learn more about Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville, visit [www.healthykidslg.ca](http://www.healthykidslg.ca).

Leeds and Grenville is one of 45 communities across Ontario taking part in The Healthy Kids Community Challenge (HKCC). The Healthy Kids Community Challenge unites communities with a common goal of promoting children’s health through physical activity and healthy eating. Healthy Kids Community Challenge Leeds and Grenville Steering Committee membership includes regional partners in health, education, recreation, private and non-profit sectors.

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