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## A Camps Update from BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities

What an incredible summer it has been at Easter Seals Camps! From the laughter of campers discovering new adventures to the joy of seeing old friends reconnect, this season was full of unforgettable moments. None of it would have been possible without the remarkable support of Lions from across the province. Your time, energy, and generosity have made a lasting impact, whether it was through BBQs at Open Houses, hard work at Camp Winfield's spring cleanup, raising funds through golf tournaments, or the many cheques and donations presented throughout the summer.

Together, the impressive effort from Lions Clubs raised over \$125,000 since March, which helps support our life-changing camps. I am so grateful for the way you continue to show up for our campers and families, making sure every child has the chance to experience the magic of camp.

I encourage you to [explore becoming an annual member](#), where you will receive updates about our community and exclusive invites to events. To learn more about what we do as an organization, please visit [eastersealsbcy.ca](http://eastersealsbcy.ca).

Please reach out to me with any questions about our mission!



Sincerely,

**Michele Materi**

Manager of Community Partnerships and Philanthropy - Okanagan



### Meet Hannah

Since her first time at Easter Seals Camp Squamish in 2019, Hannah has grown from a nervous first-time camper into a confident young woman who bravely performs at talent shows, soars higher each year on the Big Swing, and has built lifelong friendships like her camp best friend, Koko.

Camp has become a stepping stone toward independence for Hannah, giving her confidence to stay away from home and dream bigger for her future. Read Hannah's full story on our website to see how your support makes this possible.

[Read Hannah's Story](#)

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## Thank you for your support!

We are extremely grateful for all of the generous donations from Lions Clubs throughout BC! Your remarkable contributions will help support our Camp programs for deserving individuals as well as improvements at Camp Winfield, Camp Shawnigan and Camp Squamish. We appreciate your continuing, valued and kind support.

Just from March to the end of August, we had many clubs step up, including:

Alberni Valley	Ladysmith	Richmond Chinatown
Armstrong	Lake Country	Saanich
Ashcroft & District	Lake Windermere	Sidney
Barriere	Logan Lake	Sooke & District Lioness
Baynes Sound	Lumby	Sooke Harbourside
Beaver Valley	Nanaimo Hub City	Sorrento
Burnaby Host	Nanaimo	Sunshine Coast
Cedar	Nanose Bay	Vancouver Renfrew
Central Saanich	N. Kamloops	Vernon
Cranbrook	N. Shuswap	Victoria Chinatown
Creston	N. Delta	Victoria
Enderby	N. Surrey	Wasa
Esquimalt	Oliver	Westbank (West Kelowna)
Gabriola Island	Peachland	West Shore
Hope	Penticton	Williams Lake
Kamloops Aberdeen	Port Coquitlam	
Kettle River	Quesnel	

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## Lions in Action



### Dock Unveiling

At the unveiling of the new accessible dock at Camp Shawnigan on July 19, Lions Clubs members and community supporters came together to celebrate this exciting first step in the camp's \$25 million redevelopment project.

The Lions Clubs presence underscored the strong community support behind making Camp Shawnigan a place where people of all abilities can enjoy the lakefront and experience the joy of summer camp.

### Open Houses

Special thank you to the Squamish, Vernon, Lumby, Armstrong and Lake Country Lions Clubs for providing delicious BBQs at our Camp Winfield and Camp Squamish Open Houses!



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### Golf Tournaments

Thank you to the Peachland Lions Golf Tournament for raising \$8,000 and to the Vernon Lions Golf Tournament for raising \$21,475!



### Camp Winfield Spring Cleanup

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Camp Winfield on May 3 and 4! Over 50 volunteers, including local students, Lions Club members, and our friends from Wellington-Altus, rolled up their sleeves to rake, paint, weed, and organize—keeping camp safe and welcoming for our campers. A special thanks to the Peachland Lions for the delicious BBQ lunch.



The following day, nearly 40 Lions gathered for the Camp Winfield Improvement Meeting, where we celebrated over \$23,000 in donations from clubs across the region. We're especially grateful to the Vernon Lions for preparing lunch, and we honoured the legacy of Lion Stephen Kirkham and Lion Angus Benedict with a plaque and tree at "Kirkham Korner."



### Drop Zone

This month we celebrate 20 years of Drop Zone in Vancouver and Victoria. Sign up to take part in this thrilling fundraiser today.

[Register](#)

[Volunteer](#)

**Victoria** - September 10, **Vancouver** - September 16, **Burnaby** - September 18, **Kelowna** - September 23

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