

Glen Williams-made skiff finds way to camp for kids with diabetes

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When London, Ont. resident Bob Kayser bought raffle tickets to support the Kids & Classics Boatshops Museum in Glen Williams (Halton Hills), he didn't expect to win the handmade rowboat crafted by the kids-at-risk who are helped there.

Nor did he have a place for the boat.

So when his name was drawn on Father's Day, the retired business executive decided to donate the classic skiff to Camp Huronda, a residential summer camp for children with Type 1 diabetes near Huntsville, in the name of Jay Gilbert, a recent MBA graduate whom Bob had met through his own mentoring activities in London.

Gilbert said he was positively influenced by his 15 summers at Camp Huronda, which is operated by the Canadian Diabetes Association, and by his strong advocacy for those with Type 1 diabetes like himself.

Halton Hills resident Mal-

colm Black, founder of the Kids and Classics Boatshops Museum, was thrilled to hand off the skiff to Kayser as part of Project Rowboat and it was transported to Camp Huronda for a special launch on Lake Waseosa later that day.

The draw raised \$1,800 for the non-profit, volunteer-run Kids & Classics Boatshops Museum, with about \$1,200 in materials having been used to construct the skiff.

The goal of the Kids & Classics Boatshops Museum is to transform lives of kids-at-risk through a self-esteem-boosting program called Boats For Folks, in which four kids build a 12-foot rowboat in two days and then get in it and row it.

The youths are encouraged to return to learn more advanced boatbuilding skills by working on the shop's fleet of antique boats.

Camp Huronda offers four two-week sessions every July and August for 8-15-year-olds, as well as two one-week sessions for 8-10-year-olds in August.



A skiff that was recently built at Kids & Classics Boatshops Museum in Glen Williams set sail at a summer camp for children with Type 1 diabetes located near Huntsville. The skiff was raffled off for a fundraising draw at the boatshop in June and the winner, Bob Kayser of London (rear left), donated the classic vessel for use at Camp Huronda in the name of Jay Gilbert, (rear, centre). Nine-year-old Georgetown resident Luke Gunby (centre, red shirt) attended this year's camp and his six-year-old brother Owen (front right) hopes to visit the Muskoka retreat some day. Also in the photo are Robin Farley (front left) and Christine McKernan from the London branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association, along with Malcolm Black, president of the local boat museum.

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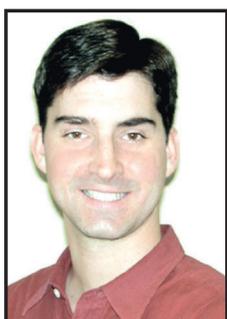


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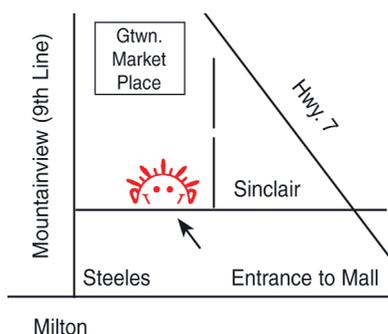
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