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Golf event raises \$130,000 in 9 years for youth

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July 8 marked the end of an era in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

It was the day of the mayor's annual golf tournament, which has raised an incredible \$130,000 for community youth since it started nine years ago. More than 400 golfers took part in this year's event, which was held at Sleepy Hollow, Ballantrae and Maples of Ballantrae golf clubs, and raised \$16,000.

A buffet was served at Sleepy Hollow following the tournament and Mayor Wayne Emmerson gave an emotional speech thanking everyone for their help over the years. The audience was equally moved, and shouts of "Way to go, Wayne," echoed around the room.

"We are quite proud of what we have accomplished over the course of nine years," said Mr. Emmerson later. "It's a lot of work, but we've put \$130,000 into youth and kids' programs and that's quite a bit of money." Among the organizations and facilities that have benefitted over the years are baseball teams, theatre groups, the pool and the library.

"I've always liked to help the kids in town and see what we could do to make things better for them," said the mayor. "It was pretty tough to look at all these people and tell them that was the last one, but all good things must come to an end sometime."



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Kids at the second annual Alderwood Street Party on July 19 were treated to an afternoon of watery fun and games courtesy of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Dept. Back row, left to right: Madeline Foti, Wendy Foti, Kyle Essai and Sparky the fire dog. Front row: Nicole Essai, Matthew Essai, Jacob Foti, Tristan Meiliunas & Austin Meiliunas. More than \$500 was raised for the family of Dawson Fraser, 5, who is being treated for leukemia.

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