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WE BUILD LEADERS ONE ADVENTURE AT A TIME!



When given the chance to play & enjoy the outdoors, young leaders emerge



It's hard to explain the mysticism that C.Y.O. camps hold, but it's an experience I will never ever forget. Camp helped me grow up, it was a place to escape, a place that taught me better than any classroom. I met my closest friends working there, and without Camp Brébeuf and Camp Marydale I wouldn't be where I am today.

For over 75 years the Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.) has been creating truly inclusive camp experiences for children of all faiths, abilities and ages. There are lots of overnight and day camps in Ontario, but Camp Brébeuf and Camp Marydale are special and critical to the children in our community.

1941

Camp Marydale opened with day programs focused on inclusivity and self-discovery

1972

Marydale Park, Ontario's first barrier-free park, opened

Camp Brébeuf opened and ever since has been offering a spiritual approach to overnight camping

1963

Our camps were the first to offer a fully integrated one-to-one program for campers with physical and behavioural special needs

2012

**Did you
know
C.Y.O.
camps
are:**

Two of the three accredited faith-based Catholic camps in Ontario, and among a small number of Catholic camps in Canada

For children of all denominations

Amongst a handful of camps that are truly inclusive and accessible for all children

Dedicated to giving a camp experience to the less fortunate in our community

Structured and fun, with programming centred around faith and traditional outdoor experiences

Accessible, we believe the camp experience is essential to a child's growth, which is why we work to remove all obstacles to camp, including physical, emotional and economic barriers

Despite all we've accomplished, we need your help to overcome the current financial and logistical barriers that we're experiencing in maintaining and improving our camps.

We are one of the few camps whose mission is to give all children the right to play together





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The entire C.Y.O family, including our board, campaign volunteers and staff are dedicated to continuing to offer the life-changing experience of camp to as many children as possible. Our cramped, inadequate facilities are limiting the number of campers we can accept. Our vision is to give more children of all abilities the benefits of a C.Y.O. camp experience. To do this we've set a lofty goal, to raise:

\$3 million to expand and update Camp Brébeuf and Camp Marydale

WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL:



Build new spaces to allow us to expand our camper capacity by at least 10% so we can offer our unique programming to more children throughout the year.



Create even more accessible spaces for our physically challenged campers.



Update our well-loved facilities so we can continue to help our young campers develop their leadership skills.



Bring the outdoors into the lives of more children in our community, helping them connect with nature and understand their environmental impact.



**Every year we receive more and more
camper applications**

Will you help 100's more children and youth attend C.Y.O. camps every year?

The following expansions and upgrades will allow us to give more children from across our large community the chance to play and enjoy the outdoors.

Camp Brébeuf



Repair our **pool** and make it accessible for physically challenged campers



Expand and upgrade our **kitchen and dining hall**, including building accessible washrooms



Build a new **barrier-free field cabin** with washrooms and a basement



Renovate and expand the **wash house**

Camp Marydale



Build a new **multi-use building** to provide 4-season use and capacity



Build a canopy roof for the **amphitheater**



Build **sun shelters**



Build a new **accessible rock wall and ropes configuration** to enhance programming

Expanding our capacity is critical – every year more and more children apply to our camp programs. We are committed to giving the C.Y.O. camp experience to **all children who want to go to camp** because we know that when children experience camp they grow into their potential and **emerge as young leaders.**

Your help will enable us to meet the needs of more families in our community.



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Are you ready to pull up your sleeves and help? Thank you!

We'd like to celebrate your support with permanent recognition for all gifts of \$5,000 or more. Please contact John Spatazzo, our Executive Director, for more information about our campaign and how you can help provide more children of all abilities and backgrounds with a C.Y.O. camp experience.

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