



Re: Report on 2011 Dufferin Children and Youth Festival

The 17th annual Dufferin Children and Youth Festival was a success on June 11th. Again this year the festival was located in the RIO CAN parking lot at 95 First Street. The event was very well attended thanks to our many volunteers, sponsors and supporters especially considering the overcast and at times weepy weather. The festival is always held the second Saturday in June and many families reserve that day annually to come out and enjoy a free full day of no cost fun for children of all ages. There were numerous free activities like a bouncy castle, 9 hole mini putt golf activity, Pizza, Pizza Sportzone baseball and football plus festival fair such as Chapman's Fruities. The entertainment on stage included Children entertainer Erick Traplin, along with local talent called 'New OpportUNEities, Shining Stars, Toms Martial Arts and Party Safari with their reptiles. Every child sported a smile which makes the months of planning for this event worthwhile.

Thanks to Community First Foundation, County of Dufferin, Devonleigh Homes, the Orangeville Library, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, Clorox Company of Canada, Dr. Daniel Chan/Credit Creek Dental, Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee with cash donations for without their support the festival would not be possible. Other necessary sponsors include RIO CAN Property Services, Tag Protection Services, The Orangeville Banner, Pizza, Pizza, Universal Rentals, Georgian College, Dufferin Parent Support Network, , Jean Hamlyn Day Care Centre, Bag-O-Sand, Dod's & McNair Funeral Home, Orangeville Police Services, Ontario Early Years Centre Dufferin, Hyde-Whipp Heating and Air Conditioning, Galaxy Cinemas, Chapman's Ice Cream, Dufferin Child and Family Services, M & M Meat Shop, Metro, No Frills, Wal Mart, Watermaker , Meadow Land Golf Course and Zehrs.

Thanks are also due to Joe Andrews from Humber College who was our Master of Ceremonies for the day along with members of Toms Martial Arts who continued to perform despite the rain and all the volunteers who helped before and after the event.

Special thanks to all the exhibitors who participated and contributed to the success of the festival for without them the festival would not exist.

Visit our website our www.info@dpsn.ca under events and past events or email s.willnecker@dufferincounty.on.ca if you would like to receive exhibitor information for the 2012th Dufferin Children and Youth Festival which is held on June 9th.

Thank you for your dedicated support with sponsoring this worthwhile event for all families in Dufferin County.

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