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The Fire Department Employees Credit Union teams up with Camp BUCKO to “send a kid to camp”

Toronto, June 23, 2010: Summer memories stay with us forever. The adventure of going to camp and the opportunity to spread our wings is a precious childhood rite of passage. That’s why The Fire Department Employees Credit Union teamed up with **Camp BUCKO** to provide an opportunity for children, ages 7 to 17, recovering from burn injuries to meet other children who share similar feelings and experiences in a camp environment. With the help of our Credit Union members, we didn’t just raise money; we are helping to repair a young life by “sending a kid to camp”.



Camp BUCKO gives these children temporary freedom from their everyday frustrations, a chance to share their stories and to bond with each other. Most of all camp is a place to have fun and learn new things. It is important for children in these circumstances to attend a program that helps them build self-esteem and to enjoy a camp atmosphere that takes them outside of their day to day life of living with a burn injury. This is a place where they don’t stand out, this is a place where they can belong with kids who understand and where everyone can help each other stand just a little taller.

Camp BUCKO relies on its large group of volunteers from Fire, Police and EMS Services all over Ontario to provide these children with a week in August that is fun and wonder filled, and helps to build their confidence. Without the support and hard work of all of the volunteers, **Camp BUCKO** could not function. “Shutting down the Credit Union for a week so we could all volunteer was just not an option, so the decision to do our part by raising money was the next best thing.” says Kevin Connolly, CEO of The Fire Department Employees Credit Union.

Staff at the Credit Union presented Nancy Sinclair, Camp BUCKO Co-ordinator, with a cheque for \$1,700 representing fundraising activities for the past six months. Nancy states, “I appreciate not only the financial support from the Credit Union to sponsor a child to come to camp this year, but also for raising awareness about **Camp BUCKO**. Our website www.campbucko.ca has more information about upcoming events and how to volunteer.”