

Dear Venier Wong

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Love Peace Harmony Foundation for their generous donation to help us send kids to camp. Twelve campers who faced financial barriers to participation were able to join us this summer thanks to your contribution.

The campers who attended our camp this summer come from diverse backgrounds and ages with campers being as young as six and as old as eleven. The Camps they participated in were as follows: Intro to Cruising (Sailing), Theatre – Improv, Young Authors, Intro to Circus, Harbour Explorers (Sailing), Outdoors Bound, Camp Quest, Dungeons and Dragons, Camp by the Water, Camp Reptilia, and Flag Football.

The camp experience is an important one because on the surface camps can be a positive and fun learning opportunity where campers play and learn various skills. Campers who benefitted from this support learned things as varied as the camps they were in: How to rig a sailboat, proper story structure, juggling, how to paddle, football passing techniques, and many others. Camps also have a lasting impact on the positive development of youth. Studies have shown that camps can help improve reason, patience, compassion, creativity, and self-reliance. It is our mission that that our campers learn both the specifics skills associated with their camp and the life skills to be a benefit in their life. Besides camp is also just fun!

We are proud at Harbourfront Centre to run programs that will help our campers learn and grow in experiences and life skills, and thank you again to the Love Peace Harmony Foundation for their help in reaching out to those who need it.

Yours in Camps;



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**The following are some testimonials from the families supported by the generosity of the Love Peace Harmony Foundation:**

Nathan loved his time at flag football camp. He met new people and loved playing actively for the week. The fact that his spot was subsidized was incredibly helpful for our family. I'm a single mom of two boys and knowing that Nathan was engaged and active was only less worry on my plate. He came home happy and tired, which means a lot to me!  
Thank you so much for helping us out this summer. We appreciate it more than you know!

We are over the moon right now with the news!!!!  
I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am not to have to break news to Ella that we couldn't afford to send her this year. With the mess over in the islands last month she was displaced from the island camps we had enrolled her in with our 'welcome policy'. This meant that we had to come up with a budget for different summer camps but that budget is quite slim as the summer comes to an end. This is a welcome blessing for our family and we can't thank you and 'the love peace harmony foundation' enough!!

As you know, we are a low income family. We do our best with the limited financial resources which we have.  
Given our limited finances, it is sometimes difficult to offer our children's opportunities for growth and to learn new skills. The last thing which we would want is for our children's potential to be undermined by our financial limitations.  
This year, we were blessed by the generous support given to Harbourfront Camps by the Love Peace Harmony Foundation. Through the Love Peace Harmony Foundation funding, our two daughters, eager to learn and brimming with potential, were given the opportunity to experience fun filled and educational Harbourfront Summer Camps. Each days' end brought shared stories of exciting new experiences, making new friends and anecdotes of caring counselors. The girls were clearly having a rich and rewarding experience, one which would not have been possible without the generous funding of the Love Peace Harmony Foundation.  
On behalf of our curious and vibrant children, we send our heartfelt appreciation to the Love Peace Harmony Foundation, who in cooperation with Harbourfront Camps, made possible this invaluable experience of participating in the excellent camps provided by the Toronto Harbourfront Centre.

Both our kids tremendously enjoyed their time at Harbourfront Camp this summer.

Our son who does not easily engage in new and unknown situations was made to feel very comfortable by the staff and as a result he loved all three weeks of camp.

And our daughter who is exceptionally social made many friends throughout the summer at Harbourfront.

Thanks again for making this experience possible for my kids through the generous financial support of the Love Peace Harmony Foundation.

I was able to register Bora to an additional camp (last minute), the soccer camp at the Harbourfront Centre, thanks to the funding from the Peace, Love, Harmony Foundation. He tells all his friends that the soccer camp at the Harbourfront Centre has been the BEST CAMP he has ever attended. He says that wants to join the soccer camp for three weeks next year and recommends this camp to all his friends.

Bora's interest in soccer increased greatly after the soccer camp. So, I registered him to a soccer class at weekends as he wants to continue practicing the skills he learned at the camp.

He also joined the soccer team at his school and already got popular for his soccer skills throughout the school, as advised by his teacher. He says, he got all these skills from the camp at the Harbourfront centre.

The camps at the Harbourfront Centre, not only improved Bora's skills in different areas, but also gave him the opportunity to socialize and engage with other kids. Now, he has 3 new friends (he met at the Harbourfront Centre) with whom he already started having playdates at weekends.

As a single parent, with no financial and/or child support, it would not be possible for me to send Bora to any of these camps or Bora to have such a unique experience, if we were not given the opportunity by the Harbourfront Centre and the Peace, Love, Harmony Foundation.

The Kids First Program and the funding received from the Peace, Love, Harmony Foundation met their ultimate goal of providing the kids the opportunity for growth and an amazing experience.

Once again, please accept my sincere thanks for this opportunity provided to my son.