

Appendix A

WISH Centre Request for Financial Support for Youth Activities

New Programing for After School and Night Programs

January 7, 2025

Target group: Children and Youth in Chatham

Request: Municipality of CK forgive rent for 5-year pilot program to fund these programs

At the WISH Centre we have historically offered a safe place for kids after school or any time we are open. Kids can find a snack, friends, safe adults and activities that are positive in nature. All funded programs are for kids 13 and under. It also must be noted that there is never a child turned away, funded programs included.

We are aware that often kids have no where to go when we are not open. Budget constraints often prevent us from staying open later and offering programs that would give our youth a space and positive interactions.

We have discussed enhancing our programs and hours to enhance youth activities and offer a wide range of activities including sports, video games, movie nights, etc.

This will have a cost including hiring staff and training for these programs. We will recruit young people to work and develop these programs.

Our plan for enhancement

- Youth Open Gym - all night- one time a month, supervised and controlled access
- Sunday youth activities – Youth pickleball, basketball, etc
- Game Room- 5-8 top end gaming computers for youth for evening activities
- Internet- High speed cabled for gaming activities with friends
- Youth planned events- Examples- Dances, movies, including food
- Marketing for the programs

With rent forgiveness we would be able to begin to plan for these activities for our youth. Also, we are actively seeking donations from our business community to grow these programs and are asking that CK support our youth by forgiving the rent for a 5-year period to assist.

This funding would also enhance the after-school numbers as we would encourage more youth (14-18) to use the centre after school. Again, giving them a safe place to play, encouraging youth to use the centre more often in a positive environment.

The financial implications of the Current and Proposed programs are listed below:

Current programs	Frequency	Cost to facilitate per annual basis
After School Program	20 days per month - 10 months	\$42,528.00
PA Day program	7 per year	\$765.00
Summer Camp July and August	July and August	\$65,500.00

New Proposed Programing	Frequency	Cost to facilitate per annual basis
Marketing		\$5,000
New Equipment- example- pickleball paddles etc.		\$1,200.00
Youth Open gym's all nighters	12 - once per month	\$5,580.00
Youth Sunday Activities	30 - Every Sunday	\$7,000.00
Friday night Social - Adults	Per Night Cost -as scheduled	\$300.00
Game Room - WISH List 5-8 top end gaming computers	Weekday evenings	\$15,000.00
Teksavvy Internet High Speed cabled in direct access for gameing computers		\$1,200.00
Total Estimated cost for new program expansion		\$35,280