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**MAKING KIDS A PRIORITY**  
**ANNUAL PADDYFEST LOTTERY MAKES SIGNIFICANT DONATION**

**April 26, 2016** – Listowel, ON – Another successful year has ended for Listowel’s popular Paddyfest. The [Kinsmen Club of Listowel](#), local organizers of the Paddyfest Pot’O’Gold Lottery, were pleased to present a \$10,000 cheque to the *North Perth Sports for Kids Fund* – a fund held at the [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](#).

“Another Paddyfest has come and gone, leaving in its wake many late nights, fantastic memories, and a sellout lottery – something that has only happened twice in our 39 years of Paddyfest lottery history,” shares Matt Edgar, Kinsmen Club President. “With this success, we are thrilled to support the kids in our community by helping more of them participate in sports and recreation activities.”

In 2009 the Municipality of North Perth recognized that more needed to be done to facilitate sports and recreation access for children in the community. As a result, the Municipality helped the community establish the *North Perth Sports for Kids Fund* at the Stratford Perth Community Foundation to support children in economically disadvantaged situations to play sports and be involved in recreation activities.

“Today the *North Perth Sports for Kids Fund* sits at \$60,000 and 144 kids have been impacted because of its grants,” says Tracy Van Kalsbeek, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. “That’s pretty impressive.”

Amy Gangl, founder of the *North Perth Sports for Kids Fund* and the Municipality’s Program Coordinator, has been blown away by the support over the years from community organizations and individuals. “In small communities where sports are a big part of families’ lives, it is important for us to help each other,” notes Amy. “When you give, you know that you are impacting the life of a neighbour, friend, classmate and that’s an amazing feeling.”

To make a donation to the *North Perth Sports for Kids Fund* visit [spccf.ca](http://spccf.ca) and click on DONATE NOW.

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**About the [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](#)**

The Stratford Perth Community Foundation (SPCF) is an organization for everyone; and unique because donations, large or small, are never spent but are combined and invested. The earned income is used to make grants to local charities year after year to build a vibrant not-for-profit sector in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. To make all this work, we share our unique understanding of community needs and help mobilize and guide donors to specific community initiatives. For more information about SPCF please visit [www.spccf.ca](http://www.spccf.ca)

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