

ROC among 10 national finalists to split \$100,000 in Win 4 Kids contest

Youth organization looking for support in online balloting

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The Recreation Outreach Centre is hanging with the some pretty prestigious youth programs these days.

Club ROC's Kids in Motion program has been selected as a finalist in the 2016 GoodLife Kids Foundation's national Win 4 Kids contest.

As part of the contest,

GoodLife Kids Foundation is giving away a total of \$100,000 to programs across Canada that are helping kids get active.

The ROC is among 10 finalists (which include programs in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver) identified by the GLKF with the winning charitable organization taking home \$25,000.

The giveaway is designed to support charitable organizations across Canada help their communities get active.

As part of the Club ROC programming, Kids in Motion provides mentorship and opportunities in physical

activity, recreation, social and skills development.

Engaging in fun activities and exposing children to new experiences, Kids In Motion promotes self-esteem, supports goal setting, teamwork and leadership and promotes positive healthy choices.

With new opportunities offered each week with consistent mentoring from caring adults, the participants have the potential to thrive and excel in life. The program is offered at no cost to participants and provides transportation to and from activities, ensuring every young person can attend regardless

of their family's financial or transportation barriers.

The results of the giveaway are to be determined through online voting at www.win4kids.com. Voting got underway Feb. 1 and will conclude on March 4 with the results to be revealed the next day. Lavender said that 3,000 votes were cast in the contest within the first 24 hours.

ROC director of communication and marketing Lesley Lavender said the organization was thrilled to get the news that they were part of the field of 10 candidates that would be sharing in the \$100,000 grant.

After the top prize, the field will receive between \$12,000 and \$5,000 depending on the voting results.

"At minimum the ROC will receive \$5,000 so we are already winners but there are some national organizations with big networks also in the running, so from a competitive standpoint we really need the support of the community," she explained.

Last year, the residents in Newfoundland and Labrador rallied to support the province's Easter Seals charity and their wheelchair basketball program and wound up winning the top prize.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the GoodLife Kids Foundation's WIN 4 Kids contest. Kids in Motion offers a physical activity session twice weekly at our clubROC facility, increasing physical activity and reducing sedentary living for all children in Grades 1-8 throughout the school year.

Funds from Win 4 Kids will provide more physical activity field trips and unique opportunities for sport and fitness instruction to this group of vulnerable young people," added ROC executive director Darlene Thompson.

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