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The Rotary Club of Stirling Fulfills Dreams by 'Connecting KIDS with NATURE'

Local youth environmental education has received a helping hand from the Rotary Club of Stirling. Today, the club donated \$1,600 in support of Lower Trent Conservation's **'Connecting KIDS with NATURE'** initiative. Additionally, 18 club members volunteered 166 hours over 5 days to assist in the delivery of the *Stream of Dreams™* program to students at Stirling Public School. *Stream of Dreams™* is one of several youth environmental education programs delivered under the umbrella of Lower Trent Conservation's **'Connecting KIDS with NATURE'**.

As part of the *Stream of Dreams™* program at Stirling Public School, nearly 800 students were treated to fun, interactive workshops that taught students about the importance of a healthy watershed. The students painted wooden "Dream Fish" to represent the valuable lessons they learned. With help from Rotary volunteers and conservation staff the fish were placed on the school's chain link fence, creating a *Stream of Dreams™* mural. The purpose of the mural is to inspire and educate others to conserve and protect the local watershed.

"We are grateful for the generous donation of time, talent and treasure by Stirling's Rotary club," says Glenda Rodgers, Lower Trent Conservation's Chief Administrative Officer. "Support from local service clubs, businesses and individual donors enables our organization to continue delivery of quality youth environmental education programming, fostering the next generation of environmental champions."

"The Rotary Club of Stirling has been thrilled to partner with Lower Trent Conservation in connecting kids with nature through the *Stream of Dreams™* program," says Andrew Marre, Co-President of the Stirling Rotary Club. "This is a wonderful project which teaches our kids the importance of the environment and the role we all have to play in keeping it safe and clean. The fish on the fence outside Stirling Public School will be a permanent reminder to kids and parents alike of the importance our environment plays in our lives."

Fundraising for Lower Trent Conservation's **'Connecting KIDS with NATURE'** initiative began in 2016 in an effort to sustain delivery of its youth environmental education programming. To learn more contact Lower Trent Conservation at 613-394-4829, or visit www.ltc.on.ca.

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