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**CONNECTING COMMUNITY AND BUILDING WATERWAY SPIRIT ONE ORGANIZATION AT A TIME:
\$15,000 IN NON-PROFIT FUNDING AVAILABLE**

The Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) is launching a generous new program that has the ability to allocate a total of \$15,000 in stipend funds to local non-profit community groups. In order to create a more compelling volunteer program and help benefit organizations in need, the WIFC is giving back to local community groups in exchange for volunteer hours.

The WIFC is in need of a broad range of volunteers who have skills in everything from boat drivers to parking assistants at four designated events this season. Each shift worked will earn stipend funds that will be directed to the non-profit sport or community group of the volunteer's choice.

Everyone interested in volunteering at any of the four designated events this summer will be placed into an appropriate volunteer position and receive all the perks available. Volunteers can gain hours in as many of the designated events they prefer to participate in while they also gain valuable new skills, meet new people, receive a complimentary lunch, and a volunteer's t-shirt.

Volunteering at WIFC events will not only benefit local organizations, it can also assist youth in meeting prerequisites under the Post-Secondary Community Involvement Curriculum.

"We're elated to have the stipend program this year and have the opportunity to benefit local organizations while welcoming back volunteers from the past and also being introduced to new volunteers," said Richard Dalton, Manager of Recreation and Culture. "Building a family of volunteers at the WIFC is important to us and essential to running high-level events."

For volunteer opportunities at the WIFC and to participate in the Volunteer Stipend Program sign-up at www.wifc.ca/site/volunteer. For more information on the Volunteer Stipend Program email volunteer@welland.ca.

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