



CQE Elevate Campaign: A Case for Support

Help more children and youth experience the life-changing impact of overnight camp.

For nearly 75 years, YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth (CQE) has been a place where children and youth discover confidence, build independence, and form lifelong friendships. With your support, CQE can continue to offer safe, welcoming, and unforgettable camp experiences, today and for generations to come.

At a glance:

- **Campaign goal:** **\$1 million**
- **Current focus:** ... Raise \$675,000 over the next two years to reach the goal for CQE's 75th anniversary
- **Milestone achieved:** \$325,000 raised for projects including replacing the aging dock system
- **Your impact:** Support critical upgrades that keep camp safe, reliable, and ready for every camper

Progress you've made possible: Thanks to generous donors, the CQE Elevate Campaign has already funded the replacement of CQE's aging dock system, an essential investment that improves safety and protects access to camp for every group that arrives by water.



What's next: Elevate CQE for the next 75 years

CQE's setting may be timeless, but the infrastructure that supports a safe, high-quality camp experience needs ongoing care. Over the next two years, we're working to raise \$675,000, reaching our \$1 million campaign goal in time to celebrate CQE's 75th anniversary. These improvements protect what makes CQE extraordinary and help ensure more children and youth can experience the joy of overnight camp for years to come.

Campaign priorities: (where your support makes an immediate difference)

We're now in year two of this effort to strengthen CQE's facilities and equipment. Your gift supports projects that improve safety, reliability, and the day-to-day camper experience.

Current fundraising priorities include:

- New roof for camper cabins and the dining hall **\$210,000**
- A generator to provide power for sanitation and safety during prolonged outages. **\$185,000**
- Two new camp vehicles to safely transport precious cargo **\$130,000**
- Directors staff cabin (including updated plumbing) for our camp staff **\$100,000**
- New watercraft equipment and updates to existing equipment **\$75,000**
- Much-needed equipment and maintenance **\$50,000**

Ready to help elevate CQE? Use the Donate link on this page to make your gift. Every contribution—no matter the size—moves vital projects from “needed” to “completed” and helps ensure campers arrive to a safe, inspiring place where they can learn, lead, and belong.



Donor recognition:

To honour your generosity, donors will be recognized on a permanent, eco-friendly sign near the waterfront, designed to complement the natural environment. When campaign goals are reached, supporters will also be invited to a celebration at CQE to see the impact of this work firsthand.

Your gift changes what’s possible at CQE

When you support CQE Elevate, you’re not just funding capital improvements—you’re investing in belonging, confidence, and unforgettable moments that help young people thrive.

Thank you for being part of the CQE community. With your help, CQE will remain a safe, welcoming place where children and youth can grow for decades to come.

Each summer, some of our health professional alumni return with their families to our CQE wellness center, whether to stay together, send their kids to camp, or even join as staff members. Their expertise and enthusiasm greatly enhance our CQE camp community.

Dr. Alex Lyttle, his spouse Samantha, and their children: Amelia, Kipling, Ireland, and Huxley visited this year. Dr. Alex, a former CQE camper and counselor, credits camp for shaping his life: **“From camper to counselor to camp doctor, CQE shaped who I am and gave me the childhood I now want for my kids.”** Now living in Alberta, the family returns to CQE for memorable summers.



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