

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Community Announcement:**

#### **Celebrating "Asset Builders" in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark**

LEEDS, GRENVILLE & LANARK (LGL)— The Every Kid in our Communities of Leeds & Grenville Coalition, and the Lanark County Child & Youth Services Collaborative are excited to invite the community to help recognize and celebrate those making a positive impact in the lives of children and youth.

Nominations are now open for individuals, organizations, and businesses that are actively building assets and empowering young people across LGL. These "Asset Builders" will be recognized at upcoming community events and through local media.

We encourage nominations of individuals, businesses, and organizations who:

- Show interest and invest time in children and youth
- Inspire children and youth
- Provide support to children and youth
- Give children and youth a voice
- Introduce children and youth to new ideas and experiences
- Advocate for children and youth

#### **Recognition Events:**

- **Leeds & Grenville:** Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the YMCA of Eastern Ontario in Brockville
- **Lanark:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the Lanark County Council meeting

Each Asset Builder will be honoured with a certificate and celebrated in the media.

The **deadline for nominations is Friday, May 15, 2026**. Submission forms are available online at the EKIOC website: [www.everykid.on.ca](http://www.everykid.on.ca).

"We are so fortunate to live in a community where many organizations and individuals influence the lives of young people in a positive way," said Jane Hess, Coordinator of EKIOC. "This recognition is a way to shine a light on those who help our children and youth thrive."

For more information, please contact Jane Hess at [admin@everykid.on.ca](mailto:admin@everykid.on.ca) or Sharon Halladay at [shalladay@odmh.ca](mailto:shalladay@odmh.ca)

Media are invited to attend the Recognition of Asset Builders ceremonies:

- **Leeds & Grenville:** Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 1 p.m. – YMCA of Eastern Ontario, Brockville
- **Lanark:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – during the Lanark County Council meeting

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**EVERY KID IN OUR COMMUNITIES** (EKIOC) is a collaborative of child, youth and family service providers which strives to build a community in which every child and youth is safe, healthy, valued and lives in a family and neighborhood where: all babies have the best start possible; all children and youth are cared for and safe; all children are ready for school; all children and youth are successful at school; all children and youth are practicing safe and healthy behaviors; and all youth are making successful transitions to adulthood. Learn more at our website [www.everykid.on.ca](http://www.everykid.on.ca)

**LANARK CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES COLLABORATIVE**

**Vision:** Children and youth in our communities are thriving. They are served by a well informed, responsive and effective community of organizations.

**Mission:** The collaborative provides leadership and collaboration to enable optimal development and healthy living for Lanark County children, youth and their families.

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