



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

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## ANOTHER \$1 MILLION FOR SWIM TO SURVIVE IN SCHOOLS.

The Ontario Ministry of Education continues to support the Society's Swim to Survive<sup>®</sup> school program with a new \$900,000 grant. Education Minister Kathleen Wynne made the official announcement this morning at a poolside Swim to Survive media briefing with Grade 4 students from Driftwood Public School.

To date, over 2 million dollars has been committed to Swim to Survive<sup>®</sup> since it was launched in 2005. Founding sponsor Barbara Underhill's Stephanie Gaetz KEEPSAFE Foundation provided \$100,000. The Ontario Ministry of Education provided \$935,700 last year. The Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion Active 2010 provided \$100,000 last year. The Jays Care Foundation recently donated \$10,000, and the Lifesaving Society itself has provided \$100,000 in additional funding. The Lifesaving Foundation is providing additional monies.

"We're thrilled that the ministry continues to be so supportive," says Barbara Byers, public education director for the Lifesaving Society. "They are very pleased with our success with the program last year."

The Society has approved Swim to Survive<sup>®</sup> school grants totaling \$668,000 to date. This has provided the wherewithal for 45,000 elementary school children to learn the skills they need to survive an unexpected fall into deep water.

The new funding allows the Society to continue the school grant program for another school year. The next deadline for applications is May 31, 2007. All details concerning the application process and form can be found at [www.lifesavingsociety.com](http://www.lifesavingsociety.com)

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