

# Opening Doors, Expanding Possibilities

There's a quiet kind of uncertainty that many families carry when raising a child with a disability. Questions about belonging, access, and opportunity don't always have easy answers.

But, because of you, more families are finding them at Variety Village.

Last June, with the generous support of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and an anonymous donor, we launched our first-ever 3x Giving Campaign—turning generosity into leadership, and questions into opportunities.

**What followed was extraordinary.**

More than 160 supporters, like you, contributed over \$160,000—helping ensure summer camps were affordable and inclusive, so every child and family can participate. Over eight weeks, more than 1,800 participants took part.

**The momentum didn't stop there.**

In November, Variety once again benefited from your generosity, as we elevated our annual Sun Fund campaign in partnership with the Toronto Sun and Postmedia—raising over \$260,000 to sustain programs and provide families with critical access to spaces, equipment, staff, and supports not readily available elsewhere.

Families like Christina Guzzo's— whose children, Stella and Leo, are bold, joyful, and full of possibility—have faced their shares of challenges. At Variety Village, they have found the support and opportunities to overcome them.

Today, Stella and Leo participate in camps, programs, and competitions—building confidence, friendships, and belonging that extends far beyond our walls. Expanded hours—earlier weekdays, weekends, and holidays—means families like theirs have more ways to say yes: to participation, connection, and moments that matter, like a spontaneous New Year's Day swim.

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“Creating access through giving is, at its core, an act of leadership. Because of you, more children are finding their way into spaces where they can move, play, and belong. Over the past year, your support has helped break down barriers to recreation, sport, and physical activity—opening doors that might otherwise have remained closed. That's the power of a community coming together: turning possibility into participation, and ensuring every child has the chance to thrive.”

Charlie Johnstone  
President, Variety-The Children's Charity (Ontario) and Variety Village

This spring and summer, the momentum continues! On May 12, join us for Pizza Nova Day—a one day event across 146 Ontario locations where a portion of the proceeds for every medium walk-in pizza purchased will help provide children and families with greater access to programs and opportunities at Variety Village. In June, we relaunch our 3x Giving Campaign with Jumpstart and an anonymous donor—ensuring everyBODY™ can find their place, regardless of means or their ability.

Because of you, families aren't just finding inclusive opportunities—they're finding answers, and with them, possibility, joy, and hope for the future.



Behind every moment is a community of donors, like you, helping turn uncertainty into access—and access into possibility. Because of you, we're breaking down barriers—from affordability and adaptive equipment to inclusive spaces and specialized coaching.

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“At Variety Village, Stella is not defined by what she can't do—she's celebrated for everything she can. That's changed how she sees herself, and how we see her future. Just five years ago, I couldn't have imagined my daughter would be aiming this high.”

Christina Guzzo  
Stella & Leo's Mom



Your investment helped drive...



1,819

TOTAL WEEKLY ENGAGEMENTS



6,250

TOTAL HOURS OF PROGRAMMING



235

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING 1:1 SUPPORT



3,850

PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED IN PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS



6

ADDITIONAL FACILITY OPERATING DAYS



245

EXTRA HOURS OF FACILITY ACCESS

7,994

Total Participants in Fall & Winter Programs

All figures above are based on Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 estimates and are illustrative for reporting purposes.