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## Lambton Centre – Building Relationships through Seeds of Hope

**Lambton Centre** – a Seeds of Hope 2019 grant recipient – had their First Nations-focused program disrupted by the pandemic, but they managed to make a meaningful impact just the same. Hosting 30 youth and 11 Lambton Centre staff in one late-August 2020 event they established a relationship with Mike Beachey, a local advisor with Matachewan First Nation.

Nurturing and growing that relationship in the years to come will create real and meaningful programs. Because of the generosity of our donors, children will be better able to learn about and respectfully explore Indigenous cultures.

## Camp Bimini – Connecting with Campers

Loving and respecting Creation, **Camp Bimini** (a UCC camp located north of London, ON) recreated itself in 2020. Thanks to a grant from the Wesley C Smith Fund at the United Church of Canada Foundation, they offered Bimini Connects, a virtual camp outreach program.

The 8-week online camp resulted in over 330 hours of watch time, including a family in Saskatchewan, whose mother had attended Camp Bimini as a child and was excited to share “her camp” with her children.

What an incredible connection!

## Chalmers Community Services - Good Food in Hard Times

Even the best-laid plans may go awry, as the generous folks at **Chalmers Community Services** in Guelph, Ontario discovered last year. Chalmers received a Seeds of Hope grant in support of a social group gathering program called the Building Healthy Community project, in partnership with Three Willows Church, a local congregation, and Immigrant Services.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, the original plan for gathering together in groups was not possible. Nevertheless, Chalmers used their grant money to make a positive impact in their community, pivoting their plans to provide healthy food for locals who were experiencing food insecurity. The program grew and grew, until it was eventually collecting and distributing 200 bags of nutritious food a week!

We want to congratulate Chalmers Community Services for rising to the occasion and being an incredible force for good in their community in truly challenging times.