

WEST COAST KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION

Beer and burgers to support families with childhood cancer

KELOWNA June 13, 2024 – <u>West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation</u> (WCK) is hosting a casual dinner at <u>Porter's</u> restaurant, offering the Kelowna community the chance for a great night out while supporting families navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders.

Over <u>130 kids</u> in B.C. are diagnosed with cancer every year. Almost <u>one in three</u> families find themselves dealing with housing, energy, or food insecurity in the first six months after diagnosis.

WCK supports families across B.C., including Kelowna and the Interior. Their food programs deliver hundreds of meals and snacks each week to families in the hospital and at home, relieving pressure on caregivers to figure out how to feed their children and themselves. Meal choices are curated to offer much-needed comfort and care at a critical time, described by many recipients as their "lifesaver meal."

Since the first delivery in 2020, WCK has provided nearly 64,000 food items to families, and the meals have travelled nearly 100,000km to reach homes across the province.

WCK's Kelowna Impact Dinner is a chance to enjoy locally sourced, high quality food while learning more about the difference WCK programming is making for kids and caregivers alike. All funds raised will support families through WCK food programs. Anyone who wishes to support such a cause is encouraged to come along.

WCK's Impact Dinner takes place on **Thursday**, **July 4**, **5-8PM at Porter's Kelowna**. The \$50 ticket cost includes a slider buffet, beverage, welcome glass of <u>Noble Ridge</u> sparkling wine, and a \$15 tax receipt. Tickets available <u>here</u>.

About West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation (WCK) does the small things that make a big impact every day. We provide food, connection, resources, and mental health support for B.C. families navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders. WCK steps in where healthcare stops: we help families feel supported and heard through family-led programming. All WCK programs are delivered at no cost to families. Having established programs in 2019, WCK has already supported over 330 families across the province and brought them relief at a critical time. In 2023 alone, WCK provided nearly 600 hours of children's programming and over 22,500 units of food to families across the province.

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