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THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE YMCA PADDLE PLUNGE A SUCCESS!

April 16, 2015 (Exeter, NH) – Each year, more than 100 local families receive financial assistance so that their children can attend YMCA Camp Lincoln and YMCA before and after school care in their school. Each year, volunteers raise money to provide the scholarships by participating in the Paddle Plunge at YMCA Camp Lincoln.

On April 11, 2015, Fundraisers – dressed in creative costumes – bravely raced into Kingston Lake to take the 5th Annual Polar Plunge! Fundraising efforts paid off with nearly \$5,000 raised to help local children attend YMCA after school programs and YMCA Camp Lincoln.

Awards were given to the top team and individual fundraisers and for the best costume. The YMCA School Age Child Care program in Hampstead was the Top Team Fundraiser, raising \$879.53! Cailin Buswell, past camper and current camp counselor at YMCA Camp Lincoln, raised \$325 to earn the title of Top Individual Fundraiser.

The costumes were varied and creative: pirates, a group of three blind mice, pac man characters, super heroes, ninjas a doctor and more. But, the Bruce Anderson Costume Award was given to Chelsea Belinsky, from YMCA School Age Child Care in Kensington, for her Rubik's Cube costume.

Visit us on Facebook for more photos of the event (www.Facebook.com/sdyymca). Thank you to everyone in the community who helped make this event a success!

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PHOTOS

Photo: 20150411 Paddle Plunge_costume winner

Photo caption: Chelsea Belinsky, winner of the Bruce Anderson Costume Award, and a fellow fundraiser running to Kingston Lake for the 5th Annual Paddle Plunge to Benefit Southern District YMCA.

Photo: 20150411 Paddle Plunge_group

Photo caption: Fundraisers and participants before the 5th Annual Paddle Plunge at YMCA Camp Lincoln.

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Photo caption: Participants dressed as the three blind mice, take the Paddle Plunge at YMCA Camp Lincoln in Kingston, NH. Nearly \$5,000 was raised for financial aid to help local students attend YMCA before and after school programs and summer camp at YMCA Camp Lincoln.