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Boston Pizza Midland supports

Wendat Community Programs

Since 2005, Boston Pizza Midland has raised \$648,900 to support Wendat Community Programs through their annual Charity Golf Tournament. The 19th annual tournament was held on Monday June 23, 2025, at Brooklea Golf Course and raised \$62,063.

We are all very excited for Marc Dupuis who got a hole in one and won a Chevrolet Colorado from Tom Smith Chevrolet. Tom Smith Chevrolet has sponsored the hole in one since 2015. This was the first time in the history of the tournament that there was a hole in one.

All proceeds raised by Boston Pizza at the golf tournaments are used to purchase vehicles to transport clients to and from a range of programs provided by Wendat Community Programs. Currently, there are five vehicles on the road.

"Thanks to Boston Pizza Midland, we can ensure that transportation is available to bring adults with mental illness to our social club and frail seniors to our Day Program. We appreciate this ongoing support", said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director at Wendat. "We thank Andy Staffen and the staff of Boston Pizza Midland for their hard work and support of Wendat. We also thank all the sponsors, prize donors and participants for making this tournament a success."

Wendat Community Programs provides high quality care and support services to adults experiencing mental illness or age-related challenges in the Simcoe-Muskoka area. Wendat has been in operation since 1987.



Pictured left to right: Jim Sutton of Tom Smith Chevrolet, Marc Dupuis truck winner, Tara, Neveah, Hudson and Andy Staffen of Boston Pizza. Glen Lucas, Verna Porter and Andrea Abbott-Kokosin of Wendat, Chloe Anderson, Emma Desroches and Shalin Bigger of Boston Pizza, Tristan Lavery and Dean Farrell of Wendat.