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## **NHL ALUMNUS RIC NATTRESS VISITS CAMP TRILLIUM TO SUPPORT CAMPOUT FOR CANCER**

Hamilton, ON — This morning at 10:30 a.m., NHL alumnus Ric Nattress visited Camp Trillium's Day Camp, held this week in Churchill Park for local children aged 4 through 6 living with cancer.

Nattress took part in superhero-themed activities to help share the message of CampOut for Cancer, a new major fundraising event that will take place this fall to raise money to send more kids living with cancer to Camp Trillium.

"It's just great to spend time with these kids – they're the brave superheroes," said Nattress, who was born and raised in Hamilton.

"I'm also here to help promote CampOut for Cancer, a fun and important event that will help raise money to send kids just like these little guys to a special place where they can just be kids and heal."

CampOut for Cancer is supported by other celebrity ambassadors, including "Survivorman" Les Stroud, Chef Lynn Crawford, and ChefD (Darryl Fletcher). Each ambassador is committed to get the word out about this inclusive event that will raise much-needed funds for Camp Trillium.

Camp Trillium is Canada's largest year-round recreation and camp program for kids and their families living with cancer. Kids as young as the four- and five-year-olds participating at the Hamilton Day Camp in Churchill Park this week.

As families deal with the trauma of childhood cancer, they can take part in Camp Trillium's recreation programs, where discussing things like surgery and chemotherapy is normal. Kids being kids on the ropes course, out canoeing, and singing camp songs also works wonders with the healing process for the entire family.

**About CampOut for Cancer:**

CampOut for Cancer invites Canadians to create their own CampOut experience on Saturday, October 14, 2017. It's a great way to have fun while fundraising to send children living with cancer and their families to Camp Trillium. Each participant gets to plan where and how they'll CampOut, making this fundraising event ideal for everyone of all ages, no matter where they live or their physical ability.

**About Ric Nattress:**

Born and raised in Hamilton, Ric Nattress played 11 NHL seasons as defenceman with the Montreal Canadiens, St. Louis Blues, Toronto Maple Leafs, and the 1989 Stanley Cup-winning Calgary Flames. He was a member of the Sherbrooke Canadiens' 1985 Calder Cup team and won a silver medal at the IIHF World Hockey Championships. Ric followed up his playing career with a successful 15-year coaching career in the AHL, OHL and GOJHL.

**About Camp Trillium:**

The largest of its kind in North America, the Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre offers year-round recreational experiences to bring children living with cancer and their families together. It sends more than 3,100 campers each year to 54 programs taking place in 10 communities throughout Ontario. It is a privately funded, volunteer-based organization headquartered in Hamilton.

Register or donate today at [campoutforcancer.com](http://campoutforcancer.com).

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