



Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation and Canobie Lake Park Teamed Up to Give Children from MSPCC a Memorable Summer Experience

Celtics forward Kelly Olynyk and guard Phil Pressey went on rides and toured Canobie Lake Park with children from MSPCC

(Salem, NH) Thursday, July 2, 2015 – Boston Celtics forward **Kelly Olynyk**, guard **Phil Pressey**, Boston Celtics Co-owner and President of the Shamrock Foundation **Stephen Pagliuca** and Massachusetts Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children CEO and President **Mary McGeown** today hosted 30 children at Canobie Lake Park, an amusement park located in Salem, New Hampshire, to provide them with an unforgettable summer experience.

Olynyk, Pressey and Pagliuca joined the children on various rides throughout the day including the Crazy Cups, Steam Train and Log Flume. “I always look forward to coming back to Canobie Lake Park with the children of MSPCC,” said **Olynyk**. “It’s great to see the smiles on their faces and provide them with encouragement and support.”

“This is the highlight of the summer for these kids, something they will always remember,” said MSPCC President and CEO **Mary McGeown**. “Many of our kids wouldn’t otherwise get the chance to go to an amusement park, let alone ride a roller coaster with a basketball star, but thanks to the generosity of the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, Kelly Olynyk and Canobie Lake Park, they get to feel like superstars for the day.”

The day concluded with a complimentary lunch and a musical performance treat from a One Direction tribute band.

About the Massachusetts Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Founded in 1878, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families through direct services and advocacy on their behalf. MSPCC provides services throughout the state including counseling for children and families, guidance to parents beginning with pregnancy, and support for foster and adoptive families. Kid’s Day is MSPCC’s therapeutic after school program, which also operates throughout the summer. Held in Jamaica Plain, the program provides a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for at-risk children between the ages of 5 and 12.

About the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation

The Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation benefits our community directly through programs that provide education and support to children in need. The Foundation currently partners with Berklee City Music Network, Boston Children’s Hospital, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Horizons for Homeless Children, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), Perkins School for the Blind,

Citi Performing Arts Center, Positive Coaching Alliance and The3PointFoundation. For more information on the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, visit www.celtics.com/foundation.

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