



Celebrating 50 Years of CHAMP! 1975-2025

- The Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program offers comprehensive services to child amputees and their families in Canada. CHAMP encourages child amputees (Champs) to accept their amputations and develop a positive approach to challenges.
- Thanks to the public's support of The War Amps Key Tag and Address Label Service, the CHAMP Program provides **financial assistance** toward the cost of everyday artificial limbs and recreational devices.
- The War Amps holds **CHAMP seminars** across the country. Seminars bring together child amputees and their families and allow Champs to meet other kids just like them.
- **Matching Mothers (and Fathers, too!)** is a program that offers peer support from parents who have "been there."
- **JUMPSTART** provides specialized assistance for children with multiple amputations.
- The **PLAYSAFE Program** is a unique "kids-to-kids" approach to child safety to help children become more aware of the dangers in their play environment.
- Through **Operation Legacy**, members of CHAMP pass the message of remembrance to younger generations.

At a Glance

- 1975** – With their needs well served, veteran War Amps members turn their attention to helping child amputees through the creation of the CHAMP Program, which was formalized at the Association's board of directors meeting on September 17.
- 1978** – Champs begin passing on the "kids-to-kids" **PLAYSAFE™** message, warning children to spot the danger *before* they play!
- 1981** – The first CHAMP Seminar is held in Burlington, Ontario.
- 1981** – The War Amps begins providing legal information and support to CHAMP families.
- 1984** – The Matching Mothers Program begins, offering support from CHAMP families who have "been there."
- 1991** – **JUMPSTART™** provides specialized assistance for children with multiple amputations.
- 1991** – Champs start passing on the message of remembrance through Operation Legacy.
- 2021** – The War Amps starts offering Canada-wide virtual sessions for Champs and their families.
- 2023** – (Re)Connect events are introduced to bring smaller groups of CHAMP families together, providing peer support.
- 2025** – CHAMP celebrates its 50th anniversary!



Since the beginning, CHAMP has helped all child amputees, no matter the cause of their amputation. Champs receive financial assistance for artificial limbs as well as opportunities to attend CHAMP seminars. Through childhood to adulthood, the CHAMP Program provides child amputees and their families with lasting peer connections, advocacy and resources on living with amputation.