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Weedsport Summer Fest debuts in village



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WEEDSPORT | For the first time this year, Weedsport had a summer event that recognizes everything the village has to offer.

The inaugural Weedsport Summer Fest took place at Trolley Park on Saturday, offering plenty of summer fun for the village's residents of all ages. A walk-a-thon, softball game, face painting, food and music were

just some of the activities featured throughout the day, and all proceeds from the festival were donated to the domestic violence intervention program at the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency.

As the visitors filed in with their families, they circled the park and visited the booths set up by various vendors. One Weedsport resident, Deborah Mendzef, said she was excited to hear about the festival when the village started planning it.

"There's not much that goes on here in the summer so it's a nice opportunity to bring everyone together," she said. "It's a great cause for a great organization."

Sarah Barnard, supportive services director at the C/SCAA, said the organization was thrilled to hear that they had been chosen as the recipient of the festival's donation and said they tried to help with some of the planning process along the way. She said the organization is extremely grateful for the money they'll receive, and for the recognition they'll gain throughout the community because of the event.

"This donation helps us do so much," Barnard said. "We're really very appreciative and hope that this festival continues year after year for this village."

Barnard said the agency has been working with the Weedsport Chamber of Commerce for four or five months to plan the event, and said everyone involved put in a lot of thought and hard work into it. The village hopes to carry the idea into the future for plenty summers to come and will choose a new organization to receive the proceeds every year. But until the planning for next year begins, the people of Weedsport were happy to be able to enjoy this year's festival on Saturday.

"It's a great way to come and see people and maybe even meet some new ones," Mendzef said.

