

After 7 Memorable Years, KHAS Says a Sincere Thank You and Good Night...



By Rex Tucker

After a great deal of deliberation and with many mixed emotions, the Kids Hockey Advancement Society Board of Directors has decided to dissolve our Society and therefore shut down our annual golf

tournament. Since 2008, we have donated over \$150,000 to various worthy causes within the City of Calgary of which, in excess of \$100,000 of these distributions went directly to KidSport Calgary. We feel we've made a difference but times and priorities have changed in our lives. Unfortunately, the Society and golf tournament have run its course.

Back in 2008, when the Society was born, I was looking for a way to give back to the grassroots hockey community in Calgary. From a modest upbringing in the small rural fishing village of Little Bay Islands, Newfoundland, I experienced firsthand the obstacles entailed in following my passion for hockey. I felt a need to give back to help other children who may experience disadvantages and lack of opportunities to play hockey. Thus the Society and Golf Tournament were born.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. - Booker T. Washington

As the President of the Society and Tucker Hockey being the event sponsor since its inception, I've had the opportunity to work alongside the very dedicated volunteer members of the KHAS Board, loyal tournament directors, many enthusiastic day of the event volunteers and generous golf tournament supporters, and I know firsthand the hard work and time commitments required to organize a successful tournament. Our Little Tournament that could, which started out donating \$10,000 in its first year was able to grow and donate in excess of \$150,000! We feel good about what a small board of 5 members has accomplished.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the following people for their support over our 7 year period.

Here's a list of the many kind people who stepped up to help our fundraising efforts!

Board of Directors:

Lyle Hanna, Jim Hepburn, Christyne Kavanagh, David Mahoney, Wayne Newby, Nick Radmanovich, Ern Rideout, Marcela Tucker & Michael White

Golf Tournament Directors:

Christyne Kavanagh & Nick Radmanovich

Tournament Sponsors:

Rob Allendorf
Brad Babcock
Mark Becker
Paul Bergman
Janet Blair
Murray Brack
Mike Broadfoot

Russ Brown
Reid Brodylo
David Burton
Paul Cammack
Amy Chan
Liz Davis
Darren & Jason Delichte
Mark Dejong
Arfan Devji
Dave Edwards

Tod Englehart
Josh Esler
Ed Evans
Lisa Francis
Chris Gokiart
Rob Gryba
Nicole Hankel
Peter Hanlon

RARE Oilfield Service Corp
Westpark Parking Services
Ice Dawgs Hockey Team
Marauders Hockey Team
Bissett Resources
Blue Castle & SeisWare Int.
Curve Dental & Centennial Arena Expansion
Bissett Resources
Fort Calgary
Private Citizen
Private Citizen
Calgary Instant Printing
Aspen Properties
Critical Mass
Investors Group
Co-operators Insurance
SynOil Energy Services & StimWRx
Englehart Reed
Professional Skate
Scotia Inspire
Francis Solutions
Critical Mass
RARE Oilfield Service Corp
Flexys Systems Publishing
Calgary Flames

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Mohammad Hassoun	Titan Mapping
Chris Heaman	Berkshire Securities, Manulife Securities, Dundee Wealth, Hollis Wealth & Black Tie
Bill Hopkins	Macleod Dixon
Alan Klassen	Albi Homes
John Leduc	Alignlink & Results.com
Quinn Mach	Calgary Instant Printing
Jim McArdle	Sheep River House Appraisal
Jamie McDonald	First General Services
Bill McKenzie	Big Rock Brewery
Rhys & Simone Mersereau	B. Dean & Associates
Andrej Milosz	Critical Mass
Corey Molengraaf	Westcor Creations
Mark Neale	Hollis Wealth
Wayne Newby	Marauders Hockey Team
Sean O'Connor	Western Securities



Rex Tucker, Camilla De Guissepe, Scott Coe & Derek Bidwell

Michael Vanlenzuela	Bissett Resources
Kris Van Grieken	Telsec
Jack Vanstone	Millionaire Builders Network Ltd & Mortgage Intelligence
Chris Vatour	Airdrie Holiday Inn Express
Greg White	Cirrus Environmental
Matthew Williams	Design Group Staffing
Arthur Wong	Japhda Holdings & Optimus US Real Estate Fund



"Tuck" The Bear

Rob Pryde	Tokpella Resources Ltd.
Tom Raptis	Private Citizen
Ryan Remington	Remington Development
Mike Rose	Duvernay Oil & Tourmaline Oil
Gary Sartorio	Shaganappi GM & Shaganappi Chevrolet
Jeff Seckinger	High Street Dental
Dean Setoguchi	Cordero Energy
Mark Schock	C & S Adjusters
Tony Spoletini	Spolumbo's
Rob Suggit	Calgary Hockey Magazine
Rob Swart	Ice Dawgs Hockey Team
Chris Teal	Macquarie Capital Markets
Paul Valentine	Valentine Volvo

Day of the Event Volunteers:

Laila Adam, Alex Allan, Murray Brack, Ashley Chartrand, Kaisa Christie, Murray Dejager, Lyle Hanna, Barb Hepburn, Jim Hepburn, Matt Heseltine, Val & Sydney Hokanson, Lanny Jamieson, Chelsey Kavanagh, James Kelly, Esther Klipper, Mark Kosak, Andrew Lambert, Sheila Larios, Terence Leung, Francois Le Bel, Joan Lisiecki, David Mahoney, Sandra Major, Alyson McCann, Wayne Newby, Lisa Parham, Frank Portman, Krista Saunders, Sandie Smith, Tracy Sokoe, Brie Stangeland, Andrew Staub, Marcela Tucker, April Wade, Christine Walker, Michael White and Ron Wong.

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Jon Montgomery & Mark Kosak

KHAS Society (Cont'd from 23)



Peter Maher, Sandie Smith & Mike Rogers

Invited Celebrities & Special Guests:

Beesley, Derek Bidwell, Al Coates, Scott Coe, Burke Dales, Camilla Di Guiseppe, Eric Francis, Nastasha Guillot, Dwayne Hay, Wally Kozak, Rob Lazeo, Nick Lewis, Morris Lukowich, Carla Macleod, Peter Maher, Jon Montgomery, Justin Phillips, Joffrey Reynolds, Mike Rogers and Colleen Sostorics.

Prize Donors & Golfers:

Numerous Golf Tournament – Foursome, Proxy, Live and Silent Auction Donors and avid golfers – too many to mention individually but you know who you are.

Thank you to everyone mentioned for donating their time, efforts and monies towards our fundraising endeavours and we have many fond memories over these past years. History and statistics show that children who are involved in organized sport have a healthier and overall abundant

life. Please know that you helped change lives and made a DIFFERENCE.

Even though the Society will be shutting down, I will still continue my philanthropic endeavours through Tucker Hockey. I have set up a new Tucker Hockey Awards Program focusing on helping kids at the grassroots level. This program will include free year-round certificates to Tucker Hockey programs for deserving kids, donating one free hockey program to every Calgary Hockey Minor Hockey Association so they can help a child in their local organization as well as donating \$5,000 worth of free programs to KidSport Calgary to distribute to disadvantaged kids who wish to participate in hockey programs. In 2016, Tucker Hockey is planning on giving back a total of \$20,000 worth of programs to the local hockey community to help replace the past donations made possible through the KHAS Society. Therefore, directly impacting many kids whose passion and love for hockey reminds me of my own zeal for the game as a young boy.



Rex Tucker & Lisa Parnham

If you wish to continue to support KidSport Calgary directly, please contact Kevin Webster, Executive Director – KidSport Calgary.

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We leave one closing thought with you:

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, or what kind of house I lived in ... but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child."



2012 Volunteer Team