Cleveland Hockey Booster Club

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By Stephanie Shebestak



Hello Cleveland Hockey Booster Club Members! In just one month, we'll be celebrating the accomplishments of some amazing young student athletes as our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner will occur on Tuesday April 9th at Woodside Events Center at St. Michaels in Broadview Heights. So much of what we do as a club leads up to us awarding scholarships as high school hockey players head into graduation and the start of their college careers! We couldn't do it without all of your help, your donations, and your participation in our raffles and fundraisers. In addition, the

Cleveland Monsters organization is so generous every year in assisting us in funding these awards

Every raffle ticket you purchase, the investment you make by becoming a member, and your participation in events like our dinner helps us make a difference in the community. Whether its our charitable donations or helping these deserving students start their college career on the right foot, you help our club make valuable assists to so many. Please consider attending our event! Look for more information in this newsletter. Thank you for all you do in support of our great club. GO MONSTERS!!



Steph

The Cleveland Hockey Booster Club, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, is an independent, volunteer organization supporting the Cleveland Monsters of the American Hockey League, as well as promoting a greater interest in the sport of hockey in Northeast Ohio.



As the calendar flips into March, we know spring is just around the corner! With that comes the push to finish the season strong and get into playoff hockey! We wish the Monsters all the best as they battle down the stretch!

Last month, the board approved a donation of \$250 to Malachi House in Cleveland. Malachi House provides special home care in the final stages of life who maybe could not afford the services otherwise. This charity was recommended by one of our board members Pat Harrington. Members can recommend a charity for consideration for a club donation. Please fill out our Charity Recommendation form by visiting:

https://forms.gle/K1nkQEVqUHwN9b4X9



This years AAHLBC annual convention will take place September 6-8 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. If anyone interested in going to the convention, a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by March 21st to me,Marcia Slaby. All checks are to be made out to me and I will mail in the proper papers. If you have any questions, call me at 440 666-7204.

Its always a fun weekend and a great way to meet members of booster clubs from across the AHL!! Thanks! Marcia



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED 2024 CHBC Scholarship Awards Dinner!

April 9, 2024 6:30p Woodside Events Center, Broadview Hts, OH

Your ticket includes dinner, dessert, and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available as well.

The night will include fellowship with members and guests, raffle basket opportunities , and the awarding of our scholarships to our winners!

Tickets for Adult CHBC members are \$50 and are \$29 for member children. Non-Member adults can get in for \$60 and non member children are \$35.

You can purchase tickets online by visiting <u>https://</u> <u>clevelandhockeyboosterclub.square.site</u> or at our kiosk at Monsters home games.









NEWS, NOTES, STUFF, AND THINGS!



Congratulations to Josh Thompson who won our Roman Ahcan jersey raffle !

Congratulations also goes out to Donna Powell and Jennifer Adams who won our photo cubes!!





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Talkin With Tara by 2nd VP Tara Gould

Sunday, March 10 th we will be springing forward (this is a reminder to change those clocks before bedtime) and it will mark less than 30 days before our Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet (April 9 th – also a reminder to buy your tickets).

Our scholarship submission process has officially closed for this year and the committee of 8 now has the task of reviewing all applicants and picking the winners. Our goal is to pick winners and have all communications sent by March 28 th . I would like to take this moment to thank all of you who have bought jersey/ photo cube raffle tickets, Save-Around books, merchandise or just contributed monetarily this season. These contributions with a generous grant from the Monster's Community Foundation helps to fund our scholarship every year. We are still finalizing the numbers but our lowest amount we will be giving out will be over \$2000!

Every year it amazes me to learn about all of these wonderful student athletes. Some have been playing since pretty much walking and others just learned a few years ago. Some are making transitions from school to school or club due to their teams disbanding from funding or closing whilst others have played with the same people since Mites. We read of triumphs, pain, bullying and strength. Each essay invites us just for a moment into who they are and how hockey has played a role in their life. A lot of them are involved in so many other activities, clubs, and sports it just makes you appreciate the time they took to submit their application to our club. We score essays, coach letters and a second letter of recommendation without knowing their name or school. They are only known as 2 letters and a three digit number. The committee uses a scoring rubric which rates not only based on spelling and grammar (it is an essay based scholarship) but also how well they answer the essay question. This year we asked, "Describe how your character traits were impacted by your involvement in high school hockey and how that may influence your approach to future challenges?" Our highest award given is the Matthew Castro Shlonsky Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded to an applicant we believe has overcome adversity, shows leadership or dedication in an exceptional way.

It is important to realize these student athletes vary as individuals. They may not be scoring the most goals. Their teams may be last in their division. They may wear a "C" on their jersey or be putting on used/ hand me down equipment as this is all they can afford. The things they have in common, the ice, determination. Oh and a community that supports them, parents, coaches, brothers/sisters and The Cleveland Hockey Booster Club.

Please mark your calendars for April 9 th so you can find out yourself who these amazing individuals for 2024 are. Tickets are on sale now. Purchase at home games outside Portal 3 or online at our website Clevelandhockeyboosterclub.org – Thank you!!





We are now at 76 members and counting! If you know someone that would like to join, tell them they can visit clevelandhockeyboosterclub.org and click the Membership Form button. They can print the membership form and mail it in with their dues and be all set for the season. If they'd like to use a credit/debit card to sign up, they can visit:

https://clevelandhockeyboosterclub.square.site/

If you have any questions, please email Cindi Szymanski at cszy19@gmail.com

Upcoming CHBC Monthly Meetings

March 11, Apr 8 Meetings start at 7p at the Powers Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Join us!

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