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Cochrane High student wins RBC national essay competition.

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See photos of the Rotary Youth Talent Festival and Kimmett Cup.

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Gens back in the HJHL playoffs tonight versus High River.

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CHILL-IN: Curtis Crerar sports an icicle-clad face at the 11th annual Kimmett Cup tourney. While temperatures were at least 10 degrees colder than average, it didn't stop players and spectators from braving the cold to shatter fundraising goals for children's charities. See page 7 for photos. Photo by Bill Marsh

Pucks for the win, despite cold temperatures

By Lindsay Seewalt

The Eagle

Baby, it was cold outside.

The frigid temperatures of last weekend – dipping into the high minus 30s with the windchill – didn't stop the 11th annual Kimmett Cup from surpassing their fundraising goals of \$125,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation and \$25,000 (already over \$50,000) for the Children's Cottage Society.

"We're still working on final numbers but we can confidently say we exceeded both those totals," said coorganizer Reid Kimmett of the 3-on-3 ice hockey tourney that filled Mitford Pond and Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre over the weekend.

Reid took time over the weekend to remember the heart of it all – his late sister Dr. Lindsay Leigh Kimmett, who was killed on Feb. 17, 2008 by a distracted driver.

Held in high regard by everyone who knew her, Lindsay's philanthropic heart, passion for children and hockey and her tenacity to go above and beyond is what inspired her family to launch the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation in the wake of her death.

Since then, the annual Kimmett Cup charity hockey tourney and the annual Tournament of Aces – of which the Rotary Club of Cochrane has now taken the event reins – have together raised over \$2.5 million for local and international charities.

With 18-month-old son Simon lacing up his skates for the first time, Reid felt comfort that his young son could embrace his aunt's spirit – the aunt he never met but who changed the family's lives for generations to come.

"I have a lot of really good memories ... and taking my son out on skates for the first time to be in his aunt's spirit is really special," said Reid.

There were a total of 52 teams, comprised of several hundred players and dozens of volunteers.

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HONOURING LINDSAY: The 11th annual Kimmett Cup took place on Feb. 8 to 10 at Mitford Pond and Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre with 52 teams competing in frigid temperatures throughout the weekend, with more than 650 players, 100 volunteers and hundreds of spectators. While totals have yet to be finalized, organizers have confirmed that goals have been surpassed and over \$175,000 has been raised for the Children's Wish Foundation and the Children's Cottage Society so far. The winners of this year's tournament were the Hellbenders and the Kraken. PHOTOS BY BILL MARSH



