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RITCHIE HOCKEY FOUNDATION / DECEMBER 2026

GIVING TUESDAY / DECEMBER 1

Upcoming Events

LEGENDS OF SPORT WEEKEND / JANUARY 2027

Youth Baseball & Football Clinic
Thursday, January 21
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Legends of Sport Golf Tournament
Friday, January 22
10:00 a.m. shotgun start

Youth Goalie Clinic
Saturday, January 23
8:00-11:30 a.m.

For event sponsorship opportunities, see Legends of Sport Weekend on page 4.

A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS

A letter from Donna & Bob

Dear Ritchie Hockey Foundation Community,

When we started the Ritchie Hockey Foundation in memory of Jason, we wanted to give young athletes the chance to experience what he loved about hockey. As a goalie, Jason understood what it meant to show up for his team. He stood by his teammates on hard days and took just as much joy in their successes as he did in his own. That's what we mean when we talk about Jason's Way, and it still guides how we show up for the kids and families we serve.

We think about what it means for a young athlete to hear they can keep playing for another season. It means another practice with friends, another chance to build confidence, and another place to feel like they belong. In this issue, you'll meet three young athletes whose families shared moments worth celebrating, from a big goal with teammates to an honor-roll report card. We're grateful they've let us be a small part of their stories.

This Giving Tuesday, we're introducing The 30 Club, a monthly giving program named for the number Jason wore on his jersey. We're also opening enrollment for Founding Legacy Partners through the Legacy Fund, which will help sustain this work for years to come. As we get ready for Legends of Sport Weekend in January, we're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new friends into the Ritchie Hockey Foundation community.

To everyone who has given, volunteered at a clinic, shared our story, or cheered on one of our athletes, thank you. It means a great deal to our family to see Jason remembered through the way this community shows up for kids. We're excited to see how many more young athletes we can help stay in the game together.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Donna & Bob Ritchie

Give the assist.

Keep the possibilities in play.

A season on the ice can mean a team to count on, a goal to chase, and a reason to keep showing up. This Giving Tuesday, help the Ritchie Hockey Foundation keep those opportunities within reach.

GIVE THE ASSIST →

2026 SCHOLARSHIP SNAPSHOT

The reach of your support.

108	4	15+	$65,789.46
unique applicants	sports represented	states with awards	scholarships awarded

SMALL MOMENTS. BIG MEANING.

Look what happens next.



Liam Namenge | Fort Worth, Texas

A dream worth chasing

Liam's mom reports straight A's, independent off-ice training, and growing discipline as he keeps chasing his hockey dream.

“One of my biggest dreams is to make it to the NHL someday.”



Landon Shipp | Tampa, Florida

Dependable on and off the ice

Landon made the A/B honor roll and earned his class character award for being Dependable. A win worth celebrating beyond the rink.

“I love hockey and I'm grateful for the opportunity to keep playing.”



Vincent Sgroi | Orlando, Florida

The whole team went crazy

Vincent scored the go-ahead goal against a rival. His family says the Ritchie Hockey Foundation helps with the expense of playing high-level hockey.

“I scored the go-ahead goal and my whole team went crazy.”

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT / ASPEN INSTITUTE PROJECT PLAY

Why access matters.

Sports can offer children opportunities to build confidence, set goals, and develop leadership. Project Play also highlights research linking physical activity with stronger academic performance and well-being. Quality coaching helps make those benefits possible.

$1,016

average spent on a child's primary sport in 2024

46% higher

than 2019, according to Aspen's parent survey

For the Ritchie Hockey Foundation, that is a reason to keep opening doors. Helping a child stay in the game preserves the opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

Read the cost research | Explore the benefits

Sources: Aspen Institute Project Play, parent survey cost analysis (March 3, 2025; 1,848 sports parents, surveyed in late 2024) and Youth Sports Facts: Benefits. National averages span sports; they do not reflect Ritchie Hockey Foundation scholarship costs.

IMPACT MOMENT / CELEBRATING JASON'S 40TH

$10,340 raised. 10 kids kept in the game.

This year, supporters honored what would have been Jason’s 40th birthday by raising $10,340 to keep kids on the ice. Thank you for turning a milestone birthday into more chances to play, grow, and belong.

OFF THE ICE / WHO GAVE YOU YOUR FIRST ASSIST?

Thank a coach, parent, teammate, or friend who helped you keep going. Then ask a young athlete: “Who did you encourage this week?”

Share a milestone: desiree@ritchiehockeyfoundation.org

JANUARY 21-23, 2027 / TAMPA BAY

Something legendary is ahead.

Find your place in the weekend.

A great weekend can create opportunities that last far beyond the final putt. Legends of Sport brings together supporters, businesses, and sports communities to help the Ritchie Hockey Foundation keep young athletes playing, learning, and growing.

Join us for the golf tournament, support the youth clinics, or choose a sponsorship that connects your business or family with a mission you believe in. Every level is an invitation to help carry Jason's legacy forward.

CHOOSE YOUR WAY TO MAKE AN IMPACT



Lead the way

Explore Legends Elite, Life Is Energy Legacy, Hall of Fame, and All-Star sponsorships. Find a level that fits your goals for partnership and participation.

Build connections through golf

Explore Hole Sponsor with Legend, Game-Changer, Hole Sponsor, Beverage Cart, and Golf Cart opportunities. Individual golfer registration is also available through the event page.

Champion the next generation

Explore presenting and supporting sponsorships for the baseball and football clinics or the goalie clinic. Program advertising offers another way to participate from anywhere.

VIEW ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS →

Let us help you find the right fit: desiree@ritchiehockeyfoundation.org

A NEW CHAPTER OF GIVING

INTRODUCING THE
30 CLUB

A little every month. A lifetime of possibility.

Inspired by Jason's jersey #30.

A TEAM THAT SHOWS UP ALL YEAR LONG

Every scholarship and free clinic represents a chance for a child to keep playing, learning, and growing. But the need doesn't happen just once a year. The 30 Club brings together monthly supporters whose dependable gifts help the Ritchie Hockey Foundation respond to needs, plan ahead, and keep the mission moving between major events.

YOUR MONTHLY SUPPORT HELPS MAKE POSSIBLE

SCHOLARSHIPS

Helping families overcome financial barriers so kids can stay in sports.

FREE SKILLS CLINICS

Making coaching, skill-building, and confidence-building accessible.

A STRONGER RITCHIE HOCKEY FOUNDATION

Supporting the planning and operations that sustain our programs.

BECOME A FOUNDING MEMBER

Membership begins at $30 per month. Choose the commitment that is right for you and help build a dependable stream of support for young athletes.

$30	$300	$3,000
PER MONTH	PER MONTH	PER MONTH

EVERY MONTH. EVERY SEASON. MORE KIDS IN THE GAME.

Join the first members of the 30 Club and make consistent generosity part of Jason's lasting legacy.

Giving links to be connected before launch.

AN EXCLUSIVE FOUNDING OPPORTUNITY

INTRODUCING THE

LEGACY FUND

A Legacy That Lasts.

Protecting Jason's mission for generations to come.

BUILDING SOMETHING THAT OUTLIVES US

The Ritchie Hockey Foundation was built on love, inspired by Jason's life, and sustained by people who believe every child deserves the opportunity to experience sports. Today, we are looking beyond the next scholarship or clinic to build lasting financial strength for the Foundation.

THE FOUNDING LEGACY CIRCLE

We are inviting a select circle of individuals, families, and businesses to establish a dedicated, donor-restricted investment fund. The aim is to preserve invested principal over the long term and provide future income for the Ritchie Hockey Foundation, subject to investment results and approved fund policies.

FOUNDING LEGACY PARTNER COMMITMENT

$250,000 **over five years | $50,000 annually**

A formal commitment by December 31, 2027 secures Founding Partner status.

A DISTINCT HONOR. A LASTING PURPOSE.

Founding designation is exclusively reserved for those who formally commit before January 2028. After that, the initiative may welcome additional supporters, but the Founding Circle will close. Founding Partners will be recognized for helping establish this new chapter in Ritchie Hockey Foundation history.

HOW YOUR COMMITMENT HELPS PROTECT THE FUTURE

BUILD
Create a lasting restricted fund

SUSTAIN
Seek investment income for future mission needs

PROTECT
Support long-term organizational stability

BE AMONG THOSE WHO BUILD WHAT LASTS.

Inquire about joining: desiree@ritchiehockeyfoundation.org

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for being part of our team.

Thank you for showing up for our athletes and their families this year. Your support keeps kids playing and gives them a team to count on. I'm excited for what's ahead in 2027 and grateful to have you with us.

With gratitude,

Desiree Phelps
Executive Director

ONE MORE WAY TO GIVE THE ASSIST

Help the story travel further.

Follow the Ritchie Hockey Foundation, share a scholarship story, or invite a friend onto our team.

FOLLOW ALONG. SHARE THE GOOD.

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Living Jason's Way

Encourage a teammate today. One small kindness can change a day.