

Proud to be Pink

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Kenny MacDonald can't remember the last time his peewee hockey team posted a winning season.

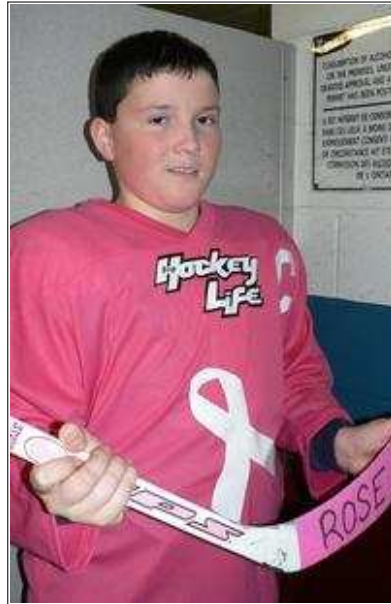
Over his past seven years as a Kanata Cyclone, the 13-year-old Katimavik boy can't even recall his team's win-loss records.

But he can remember every person and group his team has helped.

Whether its contributing groceries to the Kanata Food Cupboard or helping a team with disadvantaged children pay for ice time, the peewee A Cyclones have a championship record helping others.

Last year, the boys raised \$3,392 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation during a charity game held at the KRC, when the players wore pink jerseys and the coaches skated onto the ice wearing pink dresses.

"We were on TV for what we did, and that was cool," said Kenny. "But holding the big cheque that said \$3,392 for breast cancer was the best. I will never forget it. I will never forget any of the people whose names were on our sticks."



hockey kid. The Kanata Cyclones won the Future Team Canada contest this month. Player Kenny MacDonald sent an essay to the hockey association, describing the team's fundraiser for the breast cancer foundation.

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Kenny is proud to play for the Cyclones.

So proud he wrote an essay detailing the charitable prowess of his teammates and submitted it to the Future Team Canada contest, held by Hockey Canada and the Wayne Gretzky Foundation, looking for the 13 most deserving minor hockey teams across Canada; the winners are named future Team Canadas.

Earlier this month the team learned they were one of the contest winners, representing the Ottawa District Hockey Association region.

On Jan. 15, the coaches wheeled out a cake with the words: Congratulations Future Team Canada scrawled in red icing.

The team will receive a prize package that includes 17 equipment bags, 17 sticks, Team Canada jerseys, and \$1,999 to buy ice time or help cover the cost of tournaments and other team development needs.

The coaches announced they were giving the money to the Capital City Condors, a team of children with

developmental disabilities.

The Cyclones roared their approval, and slapped high fives to celebrate their win.

The Cyclones gift was much appreciated by the parents of the Condors, said Kenny's mother, Chantal, who is also the team's manager.

"It brought every single parent on this team to tears," she said. "They can't afford ice."

The Condors haven't been able to afford to rent ice time for nearly a month.

One man, whose son has Down Syndrome, wrote a grateful letter to the parents of the Cyclones, thanking them for their gift.

"All of these team members don't all have Down Syndrome, but they will cherish this donation more than you can imagine," wrote the man.

Another grateful parent wrote, "You are what the true meaning of minor hockey is all about."

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