



David Bigelow Memorial Fund

Deadline for Application is September 15th

Dave Bigelow was a member of Tri-County Youth Hockey for three seasons. He began playing as a Pre-mite house player, and then he moved up to Mites and then Squirts. Unfortunately Dave was killed during the 2001-2002 season in a tragic car accident. At each level Dave's coaches noticed his drive, desire, and excitement for the game of hockey. Dave really loved the sport as well as the friendships he made with his teammates.

Intent of the Memorial Fund

This memorial fund has been created in the memory of Dave with the intent of helping children of less fortunate families to learn and enjoy the game of hockey. Dave truly loved the game and believed that everyone should play it because *"it was so much fun"*. It's the desire of Dave's parents, through this memorial fund that no child should be prevented from playing and enjoying hockey for financial reasons. This memorial fund will help to support a child in need through partial assistance in the payment of league registration fees or to provide partial financial assistance in the purchase of the needed equipment. The maximum award is 50% of registration costs or up to \$100 toward the purchase of equipment.

Keeping the Memorial Fund Alive

The memorial fund was started through the generous donations of family, friends, co-workers and teammates of Dave and his parents. Further contributions to the memorial fund are always accepted and greatly appreciated. Tri-County hosts an annual house hockey tournament, which has been renamed "The David Bigelow Memorial Tournament" in Dave's honor. A portion of the proceeds from this tournament (minimum of 10%) will be donated to the memorial fund annually.

Application Process

Anyone wishing to receive assistance from this memorial fund should fill-out the application form and submit it with their league registration forms.

Selection Committee

The memorial fund selection committee is made up of two past or present Tri-County board members and Dave's parents. The selection committee will meet prior to the beginning of the season to review all of the applications, which the league has received. The selection committee will base their award decision on the following criteria:

- What are the needs and the amount being requested from the applicant?
- The applicant's ability to pay the remaining balance after the award has been made. (Applicant is responsible for the entire registration fee until their portion of the registration fee has been paid.)
- The applicant must demonstrate what actions are being taken to mitigate the situation that has driven the need for assistance.
- How the Child will benefit from the distribution.
- If the applicants child is capable a handwritten or typed letter from the child stating why they want to play hockey.

The selection committee will be limited to a total payout not to exceed 10% of the total fund value each season. All applications will be kept confidential and will only be seen or reviewed by the memorial selection committee.

