



Members of the Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund which announced it is distributing \$6,100 to support local hockey are shown (L-R): Matthew White, South Colchester MHA; Jenny Ives, Tatamagouche MHA; Mark Collins, Truro Minor Hockey Association; Betty Ritcey (Jed's Wife); Dave Ritcey, Bob Taylor, JRLF Committee Member and Matt Moore, JRLF Committee Member. (Submitted)

Jed Ritcey Fund to Distribute \$6,100⁰⁰

By Maurice Rees

The Board of Directors of the Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund have announced they are \$6100.00 from the fund to grassroots program development and equipment support to the three minor hockey associations in Colchester County who submitted requests in 2019.

The World Junior A Challenge (WJAC), hosted in Truro at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre from December 10 - 16, 2017 acted as the catalyst for the establishment of the 'Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund' (JRLF), committing profits to going back into the community through grassroots program development, equipment, facility upgrades and future event hosting in Colchester County- to continue to build regional capacity to grow the sport of hockey.

It is estimated the event had a net economic impact of \$1.9 million in the Country. Of that, \$1.7 million directly impacted the Province of Nova Scotia, with \$1.5 million in the Truro/Colchester Region alone.

The fund was developed in memory of Colchester Sports Hall of Famer and community leader Jed Ritcey. His long-term service and contribution to Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, the Maritime Junior Hockey League and Truro Minor Hockey. The Truro resident always believed in the importance of giving back to his

community.

Dave Ritcey, Jed's son, was Chair of the 2017 WJAC Host Organizing Committee and is a member of the JRLF Board member said, "We are pleased to share again this year in 2019 with local minor hockey associations from the funds raised through the World Junior A Challenge event in December 2017."

Applications for funding were made available to the local minor hockey associations with specific criteria in late August. There were three applications received by the board at the deadline.

The associations that will benefit from this year's funding are the Truro Minor Hockey Association, South Colchester Minor Hockey Association and the Tatamagouche Minor Hockey Association.

The Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund Board of Directors include the following dedicated community volunteers: Betty and Dave Ritcey- Family Members; Matt Moore- 2017 WJAC Host Committee and Community member; Heather Fraser- 2017 WJAC Host Committee and Community Member; Nick Sharpe- 2017 WJAC Host Committee and Community Member; Mike Field- Hockey Nova Scotia Representative/ Community Member; Bob Taylor, Community Member; Greg Mullen, Community Member and Courtney Nicholson, Community Member.

Halloween Dance at Wentworth Firehall

By Hope Bridgewater

Melissa Langille a volunteer worker organized a Halloween dance at the Wentworth Learning Centre and had the help of other volunteers. More than 60 children and teens were in attendance and were accompanied by parents and other adults. Music from tapes played for two hour from 6 pm to 8 pm. The dance was great fun for everyone present and very colourful with all the costumes sparkling!

Costumes included witches, army men, Batman, dragons, Harley Quinn, princesses, angels, Paw Patrol characters, and more. Children and teens enjoyed having their picture taken in front of Halloween backdrops. The dance was a great way to bring families together from surrounding areas. The Learning Centre's operating volunteer staff made

this evening possible.

In the past when Wentworth had gravel roads, it was much safer when children could walk at night for treats from house to house and as well any local drivers knew the children well and tended to stay home that night in order for the kids to have their fun. Times have changed and the roads are too dangerous for walkers and a key community group such as the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department hosts a Halloween night for the 12th year at their Fire Hall. The parents who still wish to drive their children to supportive residents at home can still take the opportunity to celebrate in that way.

The dance happened before the Fire Department and others celebrated on October 31.



Lucy Langille and Taylor Carter attended the Halloween dance. (Melissa Langille Photo)



Caleb Seymour (in costume) volunteers at the front door with mother, Sonya. (Melissa Langille Photo)

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