







On behalf of the North Toronto, Ted Reeve, and Leaside Hockey Associations, we are honoured to share that we've come together as ONE HOCKEY COMMUNITY to partner with Make-A-Wish® Canada, just in time for fall and holiday team fundraising activities!

About Make-A-Wish® Canada

Make-A-Wish Canada grants life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses. Since opening in 1983, more than 40,000 wishes have been granted, bringing hope, joy, and healing to wish children, their families, and their support networks.

About Trees of Joy

Each year, one of Make-A-Wish Canada's most impactful fundraising events is *Trees of Joy*. It began in Toronto in 2016 with just eight trees and has grown into a national initiative. This year marks its 10th anniversary, with over 90 trees expected in Toronto alone.

The 2025 Trees of Joy event will take place on November 14th at the Toronto Congress Centre, but we have until December 15th to raise the necessary funds.

Our Hockey Community's Involvement

We are proud to announce that three community associations will be sponsoring a tree this year, the very first tree from any hockey association in Ontario.

Introducing Team "Hockey for Wishes."

It's simple but incredibly meaningful, and it will make a tremendous impact.

Meet Miguel

We have been matched with our wish child, Miguel, and his dream for a beautiful sports-themed holiday tree. Miguel is 9 years old, and his medical journey began at just 19 months. He was diagnosed with an inflammatory disorder and has undergone numerous procedures. His wish is to visit his favourite theme park with his family.

Funds raised through *Hockey for Wishes* will support future wishes like Miguel's and help create a magical surprise for him and his family. On November 14th, Miguel will be presented with a beautifully decorated sports-themed tree, which will later be delivered to his home for the holidays, along with some fun gifts for his whole family.

How Teams Can Get Involved

North Toronto, Ted Reeve and Leaside teams are encouraged to make *Hockey for Wishes* part of their team fundraising this season. All donations will help us reach our **\$10,000 goal**, making a lasting impact together. Let's show our team spirit and our shared love of sport, children, family, and community. Any amount over \$10,000 will go directly to Make-A-Wish.

How It Works

Click your association's fundraising link below to get started. You can donate directly, organize creative team fundraising activities, or share your page link to invite others to give. Fundraising will remain open until **December 15th**.

- o Main Hockey for Wishes Team Page
- North Toronto Hockey Association

Thank you for joining us in this incredible opportunity to make a difference, give back, and celebrate the true spirit of sport and community.

If you have any questions, please contact about this initiative please contact:

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See highlights from last year's event for inspiration:

<u>Trees of Joy Toronto 2024 – YouTube</u>





