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A player skates with the puck during the Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. *STEVEN WILHELM*

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Players clear off the ice after play for the Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.

STEVEN WILHELM

Cochranites donated over \$150,000 to the Kimmett Cup this year, continuing the tradition of generosity in Lindsay Kimmett's memory.

It means everything to our family that the people still care about Lindsay, and her legacy, and are willing to take time out of their lives, said Reid Kimmett, co-chair of the tournament and Lindsay's brother.

The overall community spirit and spirit of giving what's found at the event, is what I always look forward to the most, said Reid.

Of the 40 teams that competed this year, the top five, We Are Family, Team Volunteer, the Cochrane Cruisers, Toled Fighting Snowgeese, and The Jets collectively raised almost \$39,000.

Lindsay's former classmate in med school, Jason Baserman, was the top donor this year, raising over \$6,100 on behalf of Team Volunteer.

Those funds raised this year and the funds raised in past years are just a testament to all the good that's still being created in her name, almost 15 years after she passed away, he said.

All the money raised this year will be split equally between four charities, the Make a Wish Foundation, Helping Families Handle Cancer, the Cochrane Activettes (and their food bank), and KidSport.

My grandpa had a saying he liked to tell me, which was many hands make light work, said Reid. With fundraising, that's exactly the case, if you can get a whole lot of people pitching in and doing what they can, it makes a huge difference.

The Kimmett Cup alone has raised over \$1.8 million in its 14 years, and the total for the Lindsay Kimmett Memorial Foundation is over \$3 million.

The lead up to it, there can be a lot of nerves tension running around, Reid continued. Then all of a sudden, the calm kind of sets and once the tournament starts, and I just get to look around and see people having fun people laughing people enjoying moments together.

When she passed away, we were at a loss for how we could continue some of the good in the world that she wanted to do in her life, he continued. This tournament has become the conduit to do that.



The Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. STEVEN WILHELM



A player passes the puck during the Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.



Players watch their team during the Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.



Players battle over the puck during the Kimmett Cup at the Mitford Ponds in Cochrane on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.



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