



## YORK COUNTY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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TO: YCLA Board Members - please forward to your coaches, players and families...

On Saturday March 15th, 432 boys played in the 3rd Annual World's Longest Running Lacrosse Game held at The Blast. York County boys from age levels U-9 up through U-15 started playing at 7:14 am on Saturday morning and ultimately concluded at 1:13 am on Sunday morning. 18 hours of continuous play involving 36 teams from the York County Lacrosse Association (YCLA) resulted in significant proceeds that will benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation®. Thanks to the generous support from thousands of spectators and families who attended, an additional amount of income was generated to enable us to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be used during lacrosse games in the future.

One of the parents summed up the event by sharing "thanks again for another wonderful event. It was a great day in so many different ways. Community coming together, donation to a fine organization, donors coming out of the woodwork, volunteers stepping up, lacrosse players making a family feel good about their son that they can no longer watch, having young men witness other people show excellent leadership, compassion and stewardship and most of all, having fun with our families".

On behalf of the Penn-Air & Hydraulics Foundation, thank you to all the players, coaches and families for helping to make a positive difference in our local community. The final score of our event was 244-208 with the West defeating the East.

Attached is a photo of our check presentation after the U-13 Eastern York KNIGHTS game against Central York. Included in the photo are Ann Waltman, Regional Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Laurie Sipe, Travis Sipe's mother and Bob Rhein, President, YCLA. After the game concluded, Ann shared the following in an email regarding the Wish to be granted.

" The WLRLG event proceeds will be funding the wish of Cora. Cora just turned seven in early March and she lives in York. She has Langerhans Histiocytosis, but is currently doing well. Cora lives with her parents and her two siblings. Some of her favorite things are: the color purple, Fairy books, Math(!), Macaroni and cheese, Hanna Montana, Ballet, Reese's Peanut Butter cups, cheetos and Boardwalk Pizza! She would like to visit Disney World for her wish because as she says " I've never been there before!" She will be going to Disney on April 27-May 3, 2008.

The event was held for the following reasons and as a result, we accomplished our objectives to:

- \* Promote the game of lacrosse in a positive manner.
- \* Bring all the York County coaches, players and teams together to kick off the 2008 spring season.
- \* Honor the memory of Travis P. Sipe who was critically injured in a car accident in late March of 2001.
- \* Generate income that can go towards "funding a Wish" through Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

During our monthly Board meeting in early April, I will invite the Clubs to provide feedback for ways that we can improve in the future. In an effort to make the event even better next year, I am receptive to any comments for ways to improve. If you have any feedback that you would like to share, please feel comfortable emailing your ideas to me and we will take them into consideration when running the event next year.

A special thanks goes out to the following people and organizations who supported our event:



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- \* Volunteers - I am most grateful to the adults and students who helped throughout the day with registration, score keeping, and the various tasks that needed attention. Thank you Beth Brennan, Tricia Harrison, Tracy Yantek, Laurie Lijoi, Kira Wagner, The Keffer family, Deb Belker, Frank Ross, Kim Markham, Phill Bates and Pam Marquet. Thank you to the students who offered their time to help including Laura Honaker, Anthony Nguyen, Luke Johnson, Liam Brennan, Brian Kieber and Peter Lijoi.
- \* The Blast ([www.theblast.net](http://www.theblast.net)) - Thank you Renny, Ian and Stuart and everyone at The Blast in addition to Kori and Pam who handled the concession stand area.
- \* Laxweights/Heavy Heads ([www.laxweights.com](http://www.laxweights.com)) - Thank you to our friends at Laxweights for providing the 6 donated Heavy Heads for our event.
- \* Laxgear/Stylin' Strings ([www.laxgearyork.com](http://www.laxgearyork.com)) - Thank you Dustin for being at the event to show the latest in gear and equipment. Dustin has his event t-shirts (\$15) for sale on his website as well. Please see attached for details.
- \* H & L Team Sales (717-392-3010) - Thank you Olivier and Heather for your donation.
- \* Tracy & John Yantek - Thank you for providing the donation of the autographed Kyle Harrison lacrosse ball.
- \* CPLOA ([www.cploa.com](http://www.cploa.com)) - A big thank you to Steve Connaghan and Laura Link and the officials organization for donating your time to officiate all 18 hours.
- \* Summer Camp Scholarships - A special thanks to the camp directors and coaches for providing the camp scholarships and donated team equipment for our event.
  - (1). Run N Gunè [www.runngunlacrosse.com](http://www.runngunlacrosse.com)
  - (1) - York Collegeè [www.ycp.edu/sports/](http://www.ycp.edu/sports/)
  - (1) - Crease Monkeyscampscamps.com
  - (1) - Mount St. Mary's Universityè [www.theelite150.com](http://www.theelite150.com)
  - (1) – F & M Collegeè [www.starlacrosse.com/camp\\_fandm.htm](http://www.starlacrosse.com/camp_fandm.htm)
  - (1) – Messiah Collegeè [www.messiah.edu/athletics/mens\\_lacrosse/camps/](http://www.messiah.edu/athletics/mens_lacrosse/camps/)
- \* Ira Rainess & Kyle Harrison ([www.runngunlacrosse.com](http://www.runngunlacrosse.com)) - Thank you for providing the autographed lacrosse balls used as our awards for the Top Gun Skills Competition.
- \* Bob Evans ([www.bobevans.com](http://www.bobevans.com)) - Thank you to Josh, Mark and all our friends at Bob Evans for providing the food for the families attending the early game of the day in addition to providing the food for the last two games of the day. In addition, Bob Evans made a direct contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation by selling the M-A-W Stars over the last few weeks.
- \* Lee Wayne Corp. - George DeMers ([www.distributorcentral.com/websites/GeorgeDeMers2007/](http://www.distributorcentral.com/websites/GeorgeDeMers2007/)) Thank you George for your help creating and producing the sport water bottles used as gifts for our event.
- \* Signs By Tomorrow ([www.signsbytomorrow.com](http://www.signsbytomorrow.com)) - Thank you Rob for doing a great job on all the banners and the check for the event.
- \* POS Fast Copy Center ([www.printostat.com](http://www.printostat.com)) - Thank you Justine and Nikki for helping to print the game brochures.
- \* Coaches & Players - And last but not least, a big thank you to all the coaches and players who participated in this year's event. It would not have been successful without your participation. With the four objectives of Fun,



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Safe, Awareness and Financial achieved, I look forward to next year's event and the opportunity to play for possibly 24 hours straight.

Have a great spring season!

Bob Rhein  
President  
York County Lacrosse Association (YCLA)

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