



PLAY IT FORWARD

YOUTH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



THROUGH HOCKEY, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG ADULTS.

At any given age, the game of ice hockey provides untold benefits for those willing to tie on a pair of skates, grab their stick, and hit the ice. Cardio and muscle conditioning notwithstanding, by virtue of playing hockey our young people experience an improvement in self esteem and confidence while learning a teamwork approach to dealing with challenges. For many it means a sense of belonging to a brother- or sister-hood that will stand the test of time.

In the Grand Rapids area there are many young people who enjoy hockey. Unfortunately, playing organized hockey can be inaccessible for most due to the high cost of participation. Rather than allow the less fortunate to possibly fall into undesirable habits and social circles, Play it Forward can make their continuation in organized hockey a reality.....with your help.

By sponsoring a player aged 16-18, you will provide that individual with the financial means to play organized hockey in the Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association (GRAHA) for one season. Play it Forward will provide quality coaching and mentoring of hockey and life skills necessary to succeed in today's world and the future.

As a participant in the Play it Forward hockey program, the young adult must agree to donate their time in regularly scheduled community service projects. This will be their way of "playing it forward", or in other words, saying thank you for the gift of a hockey scholarship through action benefiting the community.

Please make your tax deductible contribution to GRAHA and memo it to "Play it Forward." Hockey scholarships to GRAHA will be awarded by a committee to qualified applicants. GRAHA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Together we can provide our young people and our community with hope for a better future.

Donation amount:

\$1,700 _____ (1 player, 1 season)
\$3,400 _____ (1 player for 2 seasons, or 2 players for 1 season)
\$ _____ other _____)

Please send payment to:

GRAHA
P.O. Box 559
Ada, MI 49301

PLAY IT FORWARD MISSION

Provide mentorship, financial support and quality coaching to help qualified teens continue playing organized ice hockey.

