

#### Dear Friends of the Ritchie Hockey Foundation,

As founders of the Ritchie Hockey Foundation, we've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the impact your generosity has had on young athletes across the country. This year alone, because of supporters like you, we were able to provide scholarships to **more than 60 deserving student-athletes across 10 states**—each one with a passion for the game and a drive to grow on and off the ice.

Hockey isn't just a sport for these kids; it's a lifeline. It gives them a team to belong to, a safe place to challenge themselves, and a community that builds confidence, resilience, and leadership. Being part of a hockey team teaches responsibility, discipline, and the power of working toward something bigger than themselves. For many, the rink becomes the place where they find their voice, their purpose, and their people.

This Giving Tuesday, we're asking for your help to do even more.

Our goal for 2026 is bold but simple:

Support twice as many student-athletes.

The need is growing. Every week, we hear from families whose children have the passion for hockey but face financial challenges that could push them out of the sport they love. Your donation—no matter the size—makes it possible for these athletes to stay on the ice, stay connected to their team, and stay on a path where they can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

And today, your gift goes twice as far.

- ✓ Every gift is matched \$1-for-\$1 up to \$25,000
- ✓ Every 50 donors unlocks an additional \$5,000

If you've ever wanted to support the mission, today is the day.

- Thank you for believing in them.
- Thank you for standing with us.



With gratitude,

**Bob and Donna Ritchie** 

Founders, Ritchie Hockey Foundation



#### EMPOWERING KIDS...ON AND OFF THE ICE

### **DECEMBER 2025 ISSUE**

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# SAVE the DATE

## **LEGENDS OF SPORT WEEKEND**



THU 1.22.26 Youth Baseball Clinic Start: 6 pm

FRI 1.23.26
CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
10 am Shotgun

SAT 1.24.26 YOUTH GOALIE CLINIC START: 7:30 am



SCAN TO REGISTER Dear Friends,

Every year, we witness something remarkable: when you help a child, you open a door that may have otherwise stayed closed.

In 2025, your generosity opened more doors than ever before.



Donna and Bob Ritchie
Co-Founders, Ritchie Hockey Foundation

Across Tampa Bay, Chicago, New England, and communities in between, we saw kids step onto the ice with courage, confidence, and a sense of belonging that every child deserves.

These moments did not happen by chance — they happened because you cared.

You helped young players join their first team... You helped families find stability during difficult moments... You helped kids develop confidence, discipline, and joy through hockey...

You helped create communities where every child feels seen and supported.

This is what your support does.

It strengthens kids.

It lifts families.

It builds character, resilience, and opportunity.

And the impact stays with these young athletes long after they leave the rink. We've watched shy players become leaders, unsure skaters find their stride, and kids discover pride in themselves through teamwork and perseverance.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are more committed than ever to expanding access, creating opportunity, and helping kids rise through this incredible sport.

Thank you for believing in them. Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude and purpose, Bob & Donna Ritchie



## FEATURED: WINCHENDON VS BRUINS ALUMNI GAME - 2025 RECAP





Few traditions reflect the heart of this Foundation more clearly than the Winchendon Bruins Alumni Game. This year's event was a celebration of community, character, and the bonds that endure long after the final buzzer sounds.

Alumni returned from across the country — some from college programs, some from coaching roles, some from careers far beyond hockey — but all returned with the same spirit: gratitude

for what Winchendon gave them, and a desire to give back.

Families filled the stands. Coaches reconnected with former players. The rink was alive with energy, laughter, and pride.

What stood out most wasn't the score. It was the **connection** — to each other, to the school, and to the mission of giving young athletes the same opportunities they once had.

Winchendon remains one of the strongest pillars of support for the Ritchie Hockey Foundation, and this year's alumni game showcased that commitment in the most inspiring way.















# **BRADY KNODE: 2026 RHF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

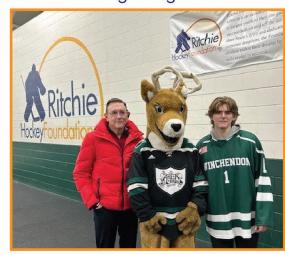


This year's Ritchie Hockey Foundation Scholarship recipient, Brady Knode '26, has been making waves both on and off the ice at The Winchendon School. Hailing from Broadlands, Virginia, Brady took on a major role in his first season in net—playing in 23 of the team's 31 games and finishing with an impressive .907 save percentage and 2.73 goals-against average. His calm presence between the pipes quickly made him a cornerstone for the Wapiti.

But Brady's excellence doesn't stop on the ice. A dedicated student with a 3.87 GPA, he's balancing two AP courses while maintaining straight A's this semester.

His commitment to learning extends beyond

the classroom, too—next term, he's excited to dive into The Spirit of America ColLAB and explore the deep history behind Massachusetts' iconic tagline. His academic achievements have also earned him induction into the National Honor Society.



Brady Knode, with RHF Co-Founder, Bob Ritchie

When he's not blocking shots, Brady is sharpening his competitive edge on the Varsity Tennis Team, proving he's as versatile as he is driven. Looking ahead to graduation in 2026, he plans to play a year of juniors before choosing the college where he'll continue both his academic journey

and athletic career.



Brady embodies the spirit of hard work, curiosity, and leadership—qualities that make him an outstanding representative of the Ritchie Hockey Foundation and The Winchendon School.





Star goalie, Brady Knode, in action

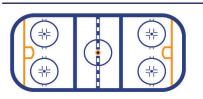
# **2025 IMPACT: KIDS, COMMUNITY & POSSIBILITY**

Thanks to your generosity, 2025 became a year defined by growth, progress, and new opportunity for young athletes.

### HERE'S A LOOK AT THE LIVES YOU HELPED SHAPE

### KIDS STAYED ON THE ICE

You helped families experiencing financial hardship ensure their kids never missed a season, a team, or a chance to grow.



# NEW PLAYERS FOUND THEIR FIRST TEAM

You put skates on young athletes for the very first time — giving them confidence, joy, and a place to belong.



#### CLINICS STRENGTHENED SKILLS & SPIRIT



Your support helped us deliver goalie and skills clinics that built confidence, discipline, and community among players.

#### CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP FLOURISHEI

Coaches reported meaningful improvements in resilience, teamwork, and responsibility — the qualities that last long after the season ends.



## **YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION**

### **YOUR GENEROSITY DIRECTLY FUNDED:**





**Tournament support** so kids could stay competitive



**Clinics and mentorship** for developing athletes



Community-building events that create friendships and strengthen confidence

**EVERY DOLLAR BECAME OPPORTUNITY.** 

# **2026 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS** HOW YOU CAN HELP

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & TICKETS FOR LEGENDS OF SPORT WEEKEND

#### LEGENDS ELITE SPONSOR (LIMIT OF 1 SPONSOR) | \$50,000 -

- · Three (3) foursomes in Legends of Sport Golf Outing with a Legend as a fifth player for each team
- · Exclusive photo opportunity with all Legends, highlighted in post-event press and marketing
- · Premier logo placement and recognition on all print & digital event marketing materials as Legends Elite Sponsor
- · Stage recognition during the awards dinner with opportunity for brief sponsor remarks
- Full-page feature in the event program highlighting sponsor's company/impact
- · Logo featured prominently on screens for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony
- · Opportunity to provide an unlimited number of branded golf-related items in participant bags
- · Signage at all holes via cart GPS system

#### LEGACY SPONSOR: LIFE IS ENERGY | \$25,000 -

- Two (2) foursomes in Legends of Sport Golf Outing with a Legend as a fifth player for each team
- Top logo placement on all print & digital event marketing materials as Presenting Sponsor
- · Logo featured on screens for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony
- · Opportunity to provide 3-5 branded golf-relateditems in participant bags
- · Signage at all holes via cart GPS system

#### HALL-OF-FAME SPONSOR | \$18,000

- · One (1) foursome in Legends of Sport Golf Outing with a Legend as your fifth player
- · Logo prominently displayed on all print & digital event marketing materials as Hall-of-Fame Sponsor
- Logo featured on screens for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony
- · Opportunity to provide 2-3 branded golf-related items in participant bags
- · Signage at all holes via cart GPS system

#### ALL-STAR SPONSOR | \$12,000

- · One (1) foursome in Legends of Sport Golf Outing
- · Logo prominently displayed at the turn during lunch
- · Logo displayed on digital event marketing materials
- · Opportunity to provide 2-3 branded golf-related items in participant bags

#### HOLE SPONSOR WITH LEGEND | \$7,500 —

- One (1) foursome in Legends of Sport Golf Outing with a Legend as your fifth player
- · Carts, green fees, lunch, dinner and beverages on course
- · Logo prominently displayed at hole and on cart GPS system
- · Logo featured on screens for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony

#### GAME-CHANGER SPONSOR | \$6,500 -

- · Logo prominently displayed on all print & digital event marketing materials as Game-Changer Sponsor
- · Logo featured on centerpieces for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony

#### HOLE SPONSOR | \$5,000

- · One (1) foursome in Legends of Sport Golf Outing
- · Logo prominently displayed at hole and on cart GPS system
- · Logo featured on screens for breakfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony

#### BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR (LIMIT OF 2 SPONSORS) | \$3,500 -

- ll print & digital event marketing materials as Beverage Sponsor
- n II print & digital event marketing de akfast, lunch, dinner & awards ceremony

### YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC SPONSOR | \$2,000

- · Logo prominently displayed at Baseball Clinic Event
- Opportunity to welcome attendees and provide branded giveaways to attendees

## FUTURE LEGENDS OF HOCKEY: GOALIE CLINIC SPONSOR | \$2,000

- · Logo prominently displayed at Goalie Clinic Event
- · Opportunity to welcome attendees and provide branded giveaways to attendees

## CART SPONSOR | \$750 —

- Logo displayed on one golf cart (may purchase multiple sponsorships)
- · Logo displayed on digital event marketing materials

## **INDIVIDUAL GOLFER | \$500**

- · Attendance for one (1) to Legends of Sport Golf Outing (you will be assigned to a foursome)
- · Carts, green fees, lunch, dinner and beverages on course

## SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO REGISTER TODAY! **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 16, 2026.**













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## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

## **ONE-TIME DONATION:**

Your one-time contribution, no matter the amount, will be greatly appreciated.

## **RECURRING DONATIONS:**

Consider setting up a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation to provide sustained support.

#### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** Explore partnership opportunities for your business

or organization to sponsor the golf tournament, goalie clinic or baseball clinic.

# consider volunteering with our

**VOLUNTEER:** If you have time and expertise to share,

foundation to mentor and inspire young athletes.

Donations may be made by cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to: The Ritchie Hockey Foundation

