

# Honouring McCash

John McCash has been recognized for his service for more than a quarter of a century contribution of volunteering as president and chair of the Preston International Hockey Tournament. His involvement with minor hockey extends back to his preteen days as a player in the Preston Boys Hockey Association.

His friends will tell you that when hard decisions have to be made regarding sports activities, and especially the hockey tournament, John makes it clear "that the kids come first".

Honoured at a presentation ceremony at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, John was presented with a "Celebration 2010" plaque stating: "This community sports Hero award is presented to John McCash in recognition of your outstanding volunteer support of sports, recreation and athleticism in your commu-

nity."  
Premier Dalton McGuinty and Leeanna Pendergast, MPP for Kitchener-Conestoga signed the award.



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event to making it one of the country's premium hockey tournaments. More than 140 teams play each year, bringing about 2,500 boys and girls ages 8 to 10 to the three-day event in Cambridge.

This past January two arenas in Kitchener were added to the Cambridge rinks to accommodate the numbers of games.

Over the 52-year history of the tournament, many young players have gone on to play professional hockey. Wayne Gretzky still holds the

There were 30 awards given out, with McCash being the only one from Cambridge to receive the honour.

Pendergast listed many of the accomplishments of McCash's efforts to bring the tournament from a small local



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scoring title he reached decades ago at the old Preston Arena. Walter Gretzky and Bob Coine are honorary chairmen of the tournament.

Groups financially benefiting from the tournament include Cambridge Minor Hockey, Kitchener Minor Hockey, Kids Can Play, Youth Development Centre and girls' hockey.

McCash, a Preston boy who graduated from Preston High School and earned an Honours BA and MA at Wilfrid Laurier University, went on to work as a planner with the City of Toronto and the Government of Ontario. He now owns and operates Region-Wide Real Estate.