

# Make a resolution to help less fortunate kids

*Second of a two-part series on Kids Can Play of Cambridge*

It's the second last day of the year. Tomorrow night is New Year's Eve and there will be lots of parties and celebrations to welcome in a new year in Cambridge.

Everyone will be looking for a better year in 2011. There will be lots of New Year's resolutions made. How many will be kept?

Here is one that you can make and keep. Let's make sure that all the less fortunate kids in Cambridge who may wish to participate in sports and activities can do so and not be left out because they can't afford to join a group.

"It breaks your heart sometimes to hear of families that are struggling and can't afford to register their children in sports, music or art," said Christie Miller, administrator of Kids Can Play of Cambridge,

Kids Can Play helps about 300 children each year. That's about 10 per cent of the children who need help in Cambridge.

"No child should be left out," said Christie.

Last year, funds were used for 54 different providers to allow children to participate in such things as Cambridge Kips, martial arts, soccer, hockey, music, skating, swimming, basketball and baseball.

Grand Valley Golf Course has been a tremendous help to Kids Can Play. A golf tournament is held each year - where they play as the backdrop - to help needy families, along with a 10-day snooker tournament involving professional players in February.

The Preston International



John McCash, president of the Preston International Hockey Tournament, presents a cheque to Mike Miller, president of Kids Can Play of Cambridge.

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Hockey Tournament is a big supporter of Kids Can Play.

"When our hockey tournament helps financially unfortunate children to become part of any organized sport or arts group in this city, it is very satisfying," said tournament president John McCash.

Kids Can Play executive consists of president Mike Miller, secretary Ferne Allard, treasurer Karen Poos and fundraiser Sherri Attwooll.

Committee members are Laura Lindemann, Sue Ann

McGeragle, Dave Anderson and Lynn Janowski.

Stephanie Goad is applications and service club liaison, Daria O'Reilly, grants, and Tammy Wanklin, United Way liaison.

You can help make less fortunate children in Cambridge happy this coming year by calling 651-2847 with a donation (charitable number), or Kids Can Play of Cambridge, PO Box 23012, Westgate Mall, Cambridge, Ont. N1S 4Z6.

Happy New Year and keep that resolution.

