



ABOUT THE HORNETS

Started by JJ O'Connor, a hockey player injured playing hockey, The Hornets enable youngsters, up to 20 years old with a physical disability, to play the greatest sport in the world – at no cost to that player.

The Hornets are able to provide this incredible opportunity because they are 100% funded through the donations of amazing hockey families and fans and from support from leading organizations such as Blackhawk Charities, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Wolves, Skokie Amateur Hockey Association and individuals LIKE YOU!

For more information, or to donate, contact JJ O'Connor, Chair, USA Disabled Hockey Section at dubles @aol.com.



Dear Hockey People,

Hockey Makes A Difference! Hockey is also undeniably the best team sport ever invented. You are receiving this request because you get it - you get hockey and all the life lessons that it can bring to kids of all ages. This being said, I have had the privilege & opportunity the last eight years to work with the HORNETS YOUTH SLED HOCKEY TEAM with another year and a half before that in the planning stages.

The Hornets Sled Hockey Team consists of a great group of kids ages 5 to 20 whom have physical disabilities, yet are determined to play ice hockey. As almost all children do, they want the opportunity to participate in sports, to feel the camaraderie of being part of a team. In some cases it s not even to play hockey - for some, it is their only freedom outside a wheelchair or walker.

The Hornet Program is completely free to our players. The families of the Hornets have had to endure near catastrophic medical expenses for their children. It is our attempt to keep this program free of charge for all of these great kids.

Our program is fully funded by donations and 100% of the money collected goes directly to equipment and ice time.

As the General Manager of the Hornets, I am trying to raise funds to help defray our costs to the players through a direct effort to people like you, HOCKEY LOVING PEOPLE!

While I know that times are tough for everyone, any size donation will mean more to this team than you can possibly imagine. If you could give up just one hot dog and coke this season and donate that amount to the Hornets, it would make a huge difference in the lives of these kids.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and the Hornets will be very grateful for any monetary donation you can provide.

Sincerely,

JJ O Connor General Manager Hornets Youth Sled Hockey Team