



Volleyball enthusiasts raised \$26,000 for local charities

TORONTO, October 16, 2014. HOPE Toronto's President, Dan Korey, Treasurer, Ricky Chan, and Executive Director, Marcia Korey presented cheques of \$13,000 each to the Alzheimer Society of Toronto and Kids, Cops & Computers (Merry Go Round Foundation). The total net proceeds of \$26,000 were raised through donations, corporate sponsors, participants, and silent and live auctions at the annual HOPE Charity Volleyball Tournament held on Toronto Island.

"We love supporting local charities with high impact and we are confident that these two organizations are making real differences in the lives of people in the local community" says Ricky Chan. "And the volleyball tournament on the Island is a unique and fun way to raise money for charity".

This year's tournament was on June 14, 2014, and saw over 210 teams playing in at least six games in one of four divisions, from beginners to competitive. There was also a Corporate Challenge and an inaugural MBA School Challenge – see all the winners and event photos on the HOPE website (<http://www.hopevolleyball.com/2014-tournament/>).

The event could not have happened without the help of hundreds of volunteers who have committed over 1500 hours of volunteer time around the year to organize and run the tournament. The celebration on October 16 also serves to recognize and congratulate all the amazing volunteers. A volunteer appreciation prize was also drawn for a lucky volunteer.

About HOPE Toronto Inc.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everywhere) Toronto Inc. is a registered charity committed to raising awareness and funds for local charities. It is primarily a volunteer driven organization. The annual volleyball tournament, now heading into its 27th year in 2015, is the region's largest and most unique one-day volleyball fundraiser. Since inception, HOPE has raised \$1.03 million for local charities.

www.hopevolleyball.com

About Alzheimer Society of Toronto

The Alzheimer Society of Toronto has many resources and offers support, information and education to people with dementia, their families, and their caregivers. They also increase public awareness of dementia, promote research, and advocate for services that respect the dignity of the individual. For over 33 years, the Alzheimer Society of Toronto has been improving the quality of life of Torontonians living with dementia and their caregivers. www.alzheimertoronto.org

About Kids, Cops & Computers (Merry Go Round Children's Foundation)

Kids, Cops & Computers enables financially disadvantaged students to achieve excellence in their academic and personal pursuits by providing them with new computers and police mentorship. Bridging the digital divide and providing police mentorship is a magic combination that increases kid's self-esteem and confidence, helping them reach their full potential.

www.kidscopscomputers.org

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