



Hockey Humanitarian  
Award Foundation

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## **13 Nominated For 2007 Hockey Humanitarian Award**

**Mpls., Minn. – Thirteen players have been nominated for the 2007 Hockey Humanitarian Award, presented annually to college hockey's finest citizen.**

**The nominees, listed in alphabetical order, are:**

**Olivier Bouchard, Senior, Union College**

Olivier founded and serves as president of the Ozone House, an environmentally-friendly on-campus residence where students reduced energy consumption by 50%. He also co-founded the Ozone Café, a once-a-week organic lunch alternative on campus. He helped found U Recycle, a recycling program specifically for campus dorms, and has worked with facilities to increase energy efficiency in campus buildings. He is a member of the Environmental Club and works with ReTree Schenectady planting trees around the city and helps clean local trails. He helped host the Fight For Sight Challenge benefit. Additional work has included serving dinners at the Schenectady YMCA.

**Chad Brownlee, Senior, Minnesota State University, Mankato**

A talented musician, Chad wrote and performed a song entitled "The Hero I See" to memorialize Anthony Ford, a nine-year-old local youth hockey player who waged a valiant two-year battle with leukemia before succumbing last April. Chad produced a compact disc of the song and sales of the cd have raised nearly \$3,000 for the Anthony Ford Foundation. The foundation seeks to help youth hockey players who otherwise don't have the financial means to play the game of hockey. Chad has also worked closely with the Mankato Area Hockey Association, working at several youth hockey clinics during the summer and has worked with area teams during the winter.

**Julia Colizza, Senior, Mercyhurst College**

Julia is a volunteer with the Skate With The Disabled Children Program and Martin Luther King Junior after school program. She assists each season with a canned food drive and helps the City of Erie with road-side clean up. She volunteers time at the St. Luke Elementary school reading program, as well as, at Jefferson Elementary where she is involved with the after school program. The senior is also involved at another local school, Wattsburg Middle School, where she assists with assemblies.

**Nikki Eckebrecht, Senior, Bemidji State University**

Nikki is involved with the Community Fire and Ambulance. She volunteered to spend two nights and three days assisting an area stricken by a school shooting. She also gives time during Fire Safety week where she spoke at local elementary schools about fire prevention and education. Nikki has volunteered at fundraising and charity events such as Jerry's Kids through the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Additional community work includes time at soup kitchens, reading to elementary school kids and assisting with the Special Olympics.

**Jody Heywood, Junior, Ohio State University**

Jody visits the local Children's Hospital once a quarter. She participated in the Hurricane Katrina Phone-a-Thon which raised money for victims, as well as, the Schott-a-Thon, a Wish for Kids event. She periodically reads at the local school and is a volunteer at Race for the Cure. She spoke at Westerville Girl Power Day and helped at the Franklin County Youth Penitentiary Center where she was a volunteer with Youth for Christ to lead monthly chapels and meet with teenagers. She is involved with the athletes in action leadership team and has served meals at the YMCA for needy families. She also is involved with Habitat for Humanity and has spoken to youth groups for churches, as well as, aiding in classrooms of inner city schools with homework and supervision as an Urban Concern Volunteer.

**Don Jaeger, Senior, SUNY Fredonia**

Don is the head of fund raising for the Entrepreneur's Club where he serves as the vice president. He is involved with the State University of New York Athletic Conference Leaf Rake and also with the United Way Fund Drive. He is involved with the Mark Buckenhymer Walk, Buck-A-Thon and is a volunteer for the local youth hockey association Learn To Skate Program.

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**Andrew Joudrey, Senior, University of Wisconsin - Madison**

Andrew takes part in team visits to UW Children's Hospital and helps coach youth hockey teams in the area. He is a two-year participant in the 48-hour practice and a participant in the "Fore a Cure" golf outing. This year the outing raised over \$41,000 for teammate Jake Dowell's dad and more than \$9,000 for the Huntington's Disease Society of America, which funds research on the disease, for which the group says there is no effective treatment or cure. In the first semester of school he has spent 30 hours at the Boys and Girls Club.

**Kirk MacDonald, Senior, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Kirk has helped organize teddy bear tosses for charity, bagged groceries for seniors and participated in community skates. He has volunteered for City of Troy Turkey Trot. He has been involved with mentoring middle school students about the value of staying in school. He helped organize a season-long head-shaving campaign to raise funds for cancer research; the result was \$11,000 being donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Kirk has also helped organize a jersey raffle to raise funds for cancer research and has worked on the committee for the First Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life which raised more than \$124,000. He has helped in the collection and distribution of food to benefit local charities and is a volunteer youth hockey coach.

**Nate Raduns, Senior, St. Cloud State University**

Nate has volunteered at a local battered women's shelter where he served as a child advocate helping serve as a male role model for the kids that were living at the shelter. He has been active with his hometown youth hockey association where he has been a guest speaker and skates with the youth and high school programs along with fellow SCSU teammates. He has participated with SCSU's Read With the Huskies program and has also participated in a team reading program at a local elementary school. Nate is also a regular participant of the Skate With The Huskies program.

**Kristin Savard, Senior, Yale University**

Kristin created "Teaming Up" to raise awareness and funds for maternal health in Africa. She participated in the holiday gift initiative and also the Skate With The Players and the Yale Athletics Youth Days. She has tutored first graders and taught at local hockey camps in addition to participating in the Thomas W. Ford Community Outreach Committee. Yale is raising money this season to enable the women of the Keiskamma community in South Africa to participate in the UbuMama program, an arts-based initiative supporting motherhood education.

**Brian Soik, Senior, Milwaukee School Of Engineering**

Brian has been the key member in organizing the MSOE Hockey team for the annual "Toys for Tots" Broomball Tournament with local businesses. The last two years the tournament has raised over \$20,000. He often tutors his teammates in math and can get tied up helping everyone else at the expense of his own studies. He teamed up with a fellow player to organize a team to be part of Dylan's Run for Autism, a two-mile run/walk to raise money for autism research.

**Amy Statz, Senior, University Of Wisconsin - Stevens Point**

Amy is a volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club, a mentor for area youths and is involved with organizing leadership activities. She volunteered at Mead Elementary School, teaching arts and crafts classes and is a volunteer for a national wellness group where she teaches rock climbing activities. Amy has held many volunteer coaching positions including a position with the Wisconsin Wild Under-12 and Under-16 age teams, and she organized and ran a free goalie clinic for Stevens Point area youth hockey in addition to assisting with numerous hockey camps and clinics.

**Lindsay Williams, Senior, Clarkson University**

Lindsay was elected to be the President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC). For the past three years Lindsay has overseen the team's community service efforts. Every week, Lindsay, with four teammates, runs practices for two different local girls' hockey teams. She works with Helping Hands preparing and cooking meals for less fortunate families. The team has also worked with the "Adopt a Family" program in the past. Lindsay and her teammates are also involved with the Potsdam Elementary School reading program. She organized "Skate with the Knights", and has invited local teams from the surrounding areas to join their practices. Lindsay also leads the team to annual events like the Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon, and the Santa Claus Parade Food Drive. Last year one of the Clarkson Men's former swimmers died of cystic fibrosis. Lindsay then organized a weekend 5-mile run that raised over \$3000.

**Finalists for the award will be announced on the Hockey Humanitarian Award Foundation website at [www.hockeyhumanitarian.org](http://www.hockeyhumanitarian.org) on Friday, January 12, 2007. The 12th recipient of the Hockey Humanitarian Award will be selected from the group of finalists and named in a ceremony held in conjunction with the NCAA Skills Competition and Hobey Baker Award on Friday, April 6th in St. Louis, Missouri during the 2007 NCAA Frozen Four.**

**More information on the history of the award, the 2007 schedule of events and a list of past nominees, finalists and recipients can be found at [www.hockeyhumanitarian.org](http://www.hockeyhumanitarian.org).**

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