



NORTH SHORE AVALANCHE LEGACY FUND

Investing In A Girl Today... Produces An Amazing Leader Tomorrow

The North Shore Female Ice Hockey Association (“NSFIHA”) was formed over 15 years ago by a group of parents who wanted to establish a “girls only” hockey program in North and West Vancouver. Through the work and commitment of dedicated volunteers, we have grown from a few players to over 220 players aged 5 to 17 years on 16 teams in the Tyke to Midget divisions of the North Shore Avalanche Hockey Program.

To commemorate its 15th anniversary, the NSFIHA has established the North Shore Avalanche Legacy Fund to provide financial assistance and development opportunities for female hockey players. This Legacy Fund will enable these players to play Canada’s game, to achieve greater success, and to grow and develop as citizens and leaders for our communities tomorrow.

The Legacy Fund will be funded through individual and corporate donations. These financial contributions will positively impact girls’ and their families’ lives and their growth and development through the sport of hockey.

Distribution and Allocation of Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund will be used for three purposes:

- 1. To provide annual scholarships to North Shore Avalanche players graduating from high school to further their academic career aspirations.**

Applications will be evaluated based on academic achievement, sportsmanship, extent of participation in the North Shore Avalanche Hockey Program, as well as school and community participation and service. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each year will depend upon the Legacy Fund allocation for that year and upon the evaluation of applications received. It is anticipated that scholarships will range from \$250 to \$500 each. Scholarships may not be awarded every year.

- 2. To provide limited financial assistance to players who may not otherwise be able to participate in the North Shore Avalanche Hockey Program.**

Applications will be evaluated based on financial need as well as other factors such as the number of girls from the same family registered in the North Shore Avalanche Hockey Program and parent or guardian status. Priority will be given to first time applicants. The amount of financial assistance granted may vary and may be up to the total amount of registration fees payable by the player applicant. The amount of financial assistance provided will depend upon the Legacy Fund allocation for that year and the evaluation of applications received. Financial assistance will only be provided to a limited number of applicants and may not be provided or available every year.

- 3. To provide funding for female hockey development program initiatives for players, coaches and referees.** Many of the accomplishments of the North Shore Avalanche Hockey Program can be attributed to its strong development programs for players and coaches which in the past have included both on and off ice training and education, including skills development,



nutrition, and motivating female athletes. Proposals for development program initiatives will be evaluated based upon long term development impacts, short term benefits, number of participants, level of educational or technical skills development, and other supplemental sources of funding for the development program initiative.

The amount allocated from the Legacy Fund for distribution for the following fiscal year will be determined by the NSFIHA Board of Directors prior to February 15th each year. At least two thirds of the amount allocated for distribution will be for annual scholarships and to provide financial assistance. This amount may be higher if specific donations are earmarked for a particular purpose. However, the amount actually distributed will depend upon the number and evaluation of applications received.

Application and Process

Individuals recognized as members in good standing of the NSFIHA are eligible to apply for scholarships or financial assistance. Individuals applying for a scholarship must be registered as a grade 12 student in full time attendance at a secondary school at the time of application. Individuals must complete the relevant application form and submit by March 15th. Individuals applying for financial assistance will be required to demonstrate financial need.

Proposals for development program initiatives must be submitted with a letter of support from at least one member of the NSFIHA Board of Directors by March 15th.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is delivered and received by this date. No late entries will be considered.

A Legacy Fund Committee consisting of at least two members of the NSFIHA Board of Directors and two other members of the Association in good standing will review the applications and make recommendations to the Board for approval. Successful applicants will be advised by May 15th. All decisions relating to applications for scholarships, financial assistance and development program initiatives funding will be final.

Contributions to the Legacy Fund

Contributions from individuals and corporations are most welcome. Any contribution, however, big or small will make a difference in a girl's life and help her grow and develop through the sport of hockey. Become a Legacy Fund contributor!

All contributions will be recognized on the NSFIHA website under the various support categories unless anonymity is requested. Contributions of \$500 or more may be specifically designated for scholarship, financial assistance or development program initiatives purposes.

If a Gold, Platinum or Diamond Legacy contributor wishes to be included on the North Shore Avalanche sponsor recognition banner for the season starting in September, or wishes to designate an individual or corporate name for a scholarship to be awarded in the same year, contributions must be received prior to February 1st. Gold, Platinum and Diamond Legacy contributors will benefit from reaching over 200 families, youth, friends and business associates through the NSFIHA website and sponsor recognition banner.



Support Categories

Avalanche Supporter – Up to \$99

Bronze Legacy - \$100 - \$249

Silver Legacy - \$250 - \$499

Gold Legacy - \$500 - \$999

- logo and contact info included on NSFIHA website for 12 months
- logo included on North Shore Avalanche sponsor recognition banner

Platinum Legacy - \$1000 - \$1,499

- logo, contact info and corporate link included on NSFIHA website for 12 months
- logo included on North Shore Avalanche sponsor recognition banner
- option to designate individual or corporate name for scholarship award

Diamond Legacy - \$1,500 plus

- logo, contact info and corporate link included on NSFIHA website for 12 months
- logo included on North Shore Avalanche sponsor recognition banner
- option to designate individual or corporate name for scholarship award
- recognition plaque

The NSFIHA is unable to issue tax receipts for contributions as charitable donations as the NSFIHA is not designated as a charitable organization. However, general receipts for contributions will be provided upon request. All of your contributions today will enable girls to play Canada's game, to achieve greater success, and to grow and develop as citizens and leaders for our communities tomorrow—that's priceless.

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Girls' Hockey is more than just a game -- Girls' Hockey Changes Lives...

"...Hockey did not just teach me skills on the ice. It went above and beyond the rink and the dressing rooms....The game instilled values in me that I may not have learned otherwise, it gave me the opportunity to be a leader, and most importantly, hockey allowed me to develop a relationship with my dad.

Luckily for me, hockey had a lot more to offer me than basic sports facts. It has provided me with ideas and concepts that I can take into the next chapter of my life. A perfect example of one is that working hard pays off....Playing hockey has enabled me to see this first hand, and therefore, encourages me to implement a good work ethic in other areas of my life. If you are gliding instead of skating, or are not working hard in a hockey game, it's going to show on the scoreboard. It works the exact same way in school. If you don't study for tests or put time and effort into a paper, you are going to get back a poor mark.

North Shore Avalanche player.