

KIDSPORT CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

OCTOBER 18, 2025

GAME CHANGERS GALA

Saturday, October 18, 2025

7:00 pm

Conexus Arts Centre



Featuring Comedian
Darryl Koszman Junior



6:00 pm	Cocktails
7:00 pm	Supper
7:45 pm	Program
8:45 pm	Intermission, photo op and auction check in
9:00 pm	Comedian, Darryl Koszman Junior



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Jerry Shoemaker, KidSport Saskatchewan

Volunteering with KidSport for the past 30 years, I've seen how the support of our partners, sponsors, donors and volunteers have been helping to eliminate the financial barriers associated with participation in sport for kids.

By giving kids an opportunity to participate in sport we know they are given the chance to learn, gain confidence and develop valuable skills they will use forever while making some great friends along the way.

We know that sport is more than a game and by giving kids the chance to participate in sport, we are providing opportunities that will help them today and well into their future.



Dorothy Josephson, KidSport Saskatchewan

Volunteering with KidSport has been a deeply meaningful journey. For nearly three decades, I've witnessed firsthand how sport transforms lives—building confidence, friendships and resilience in children who might otherwise be left on the sidelines. Every child deserves the chance to play, and I'm proud to have played a small part in making that possible across Saskatchewan.

If all children have the opportunity to play, learn self-respect, gain self-confidence, adopt active and healthy lifestyles, and realize dreams through sport, then they have a better chance of becoming contributing members and leaders in our communities.

Congratulations, Jerry and Dorothy! Dedicating 30 years to an organization and being a part of it from the beginning is truly incredible.

Claire Hanna
KidSport Ambassador, TSN Broadcaster

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Don McDougall, KidSport Saskatchewan

Volunteering with KidSport has been one of the most rewarding chapters of Don's life. He passionately believes that every child deserves the chance to play, to grow and to belong. Knowing that he's helped open that door for thousands of Saskatchewan kids is a privilege he'll always cherish, especially since he's seen how sport builds more than athletes; it builds character, community and hope.



Shelly Sargent, KidSport Carlyle

Shelly's journey in sport began with her parents encouraging her and her siblings to stay active, leading to years of participation in various sports and eventually coaching track, a role she still holds today. Her involvement with KidSport Carlyle started when the organization sought a school connection during its launch, and she's remained committed ever since. Shelly is proud of the number of children and families they've supported, and notes that local sport organizations value having a KidSport chapter to meet community needs.



Patty Brotzell-Close, KidSport Kindersley

Working with families and recognizing the need for local support is what led to Patty's decision to help launch a KidSport chapter in her community. She finds the volunteer experience personally rewarding and worthwhile, appreciating how even small efforts can make a big impact. Patty fondly remembers community engagement through hot dog sales and takes pride in seeing former KidSport recipients grow into confident adults who now coach and enroll their own children in sports.



Mike Rybinski, KidSport Melfort

Mike has worked with KidSport Melfort for many incredible years. He loves ensuring every child has the opportunity to play and is grateful for the assistance of those who have helped support the cause, as it reflects his belief that the power of collective kindness can have a huge impact on young lives.



Marge Champion, KidSport Rosetown

Marge's involvement in sport began in elementary school, and her passion for ensuring all kids have access to sport led her to volunteer with KidSport. Marge believes volunteering is essential for building strong communities and takes pride in her school's 27 years of fundraising efforts. She's most proud of helping hundreds of kids feel included and supported, giving them the chance to play, grow and belong.

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Kelli Emmons, KidSport Rosetown

Kelli's love for sport was inspired by her dad and older brother, both active athletes, with her dad coaching them in several sports. After returning to her hometown as Recreation Director, she eagerly joined the KidSport committee, driven by her belief that every child deserves the chance to experience the lifelong benefits of sport. She finds joy in seeing how many kids are supported each year and is proud of her community's strong backing during events and fundraisers.



Coralie Bueckert, KidSport Warman, Martensville & Area

Working in the recreation field, Coralie saw firsthand the need for financial support to help kids access sports and stepped up to help launch a KidSport chapter in her community. Coralie believes volunteering is vital, especially in small towns where everyone pitching in makes things happen. She's proud of the many children KidSport has helped and the emotional impact it's had on families. For her, it's all about ensuring no child is left out, because if one life is changed, it's all worth it.



Angela Reddekopp, KidSport Warman, Martensville & Area

Angela saw KidSport as a meaningful way to give back and is passionate about the power of sport to unite people and teach valuable life skills. She encourages others to volunteer, emphasizing the joy of helping others and the importance of building a caring, connected community. Angela's proud of the many kids they've helped and the inclusive opportunities KidSport has created for families who might otherwise be left out.



Sean Barry, KidSport Regina

Sean's dedicated his time and energy to ensuring every child has the chance to play for many years. He has a passion for sport and a belief in the power of play that he hopes can inspire others to join KidSport. For Sean, it's not just about helping kids play sports, it's about giving them a chance to grow, to belong and to dream.



Brenda Croft, KidSport Weyburn

Brenda's lifelong commitment to sport and youth development led her to join KidSport, eventually becoming Chair of her local chapter and later joining the provincial committee. As a teacher and coach, she's seen firsthand how sport builds confidence, character, and leadership in youth. Brenda is proud of the generous support from Weyburn and the many children who've benefited from KidSport, some even going on to excel in professional sports and coaching.

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Lisa Schmit, KidSport Shaunavon

For Lisa, helping kids play sports isn't just about funding, it's about building futures. Whether it's through a hot dog sale, a jersey fundraiser, or a dress-down day, she knows that every dollar raised is a step toward giving a child the chance to belong, to grow and to thrive. She's driven to volunteer by seeing her community come together for KidSport and believing that every child deserves the opportunity to play.



Terry Olesen, KidSport Shaunavon

Terry loves seeing Shaunavon rally behind KidSport, whether it's local community events or businesses partnering with them. It helps to fuel his dedication to get kids off the sidelines and into the game and drive his own passion.



Tom McAdam, KidSport Kindersley

Tom champions the idea that sport builds not just athletes, but stronger, more inclusive communities. It's one of the many reasons he has worked with KidSport Kindersley for so long, as well as his belief that no kid should be left on the sidelines.



Rita Robertson, KidSport Hudson Bay

Rita's commitment to KidSport in Hudson Bay began during a time of community hardship, when she saw families struggling after the local mill closed. She helped start the chapter to ensure every child could access sport regardless of financial barriers. Over the years, her greatest reward has been seeing the impact on children's lives; like the heartfelt thanks from a former recipient who returned with a donation and a hug.

Providing children with opportunities of any kind is important but giving them the opportunity to get off the sidelines and into the game creates lifelong change. Each of you who have spent the last 20-29 years volunteering with KidSport is a part of that change.

Brett Lauther and Jermarcus Hardrick
Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation KidSport Ambassadors

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Clint McConnell, KidSport Wynyard

For Clint, working with KidSport is a way to share his passion for sport and his community, especially since he knows creating those opportunities for kids to get off the sidelines and into the game helps build inclusive and active communities.



Morris Sokul, KidSport Wynyard

Morris has recorded many years as a volunteer with KidSport Wynyard and in the role of coach has helped develop youth sports and foster athletic growth in both ways. He loves helping run Pass, Punt, and Kick competitions and mentoring the young athletes in his community, while also providing them with an opportunity to experience the power of sport through his work with KidSport.



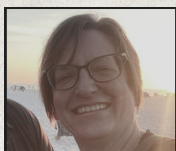
Joel Chuckry, KidSport Wynyard

In Joel's books, supporting KidSport is about more than just helping kids play, it's about investing in their future. Through the years, he's loved seeing the Wynyard community come together to help countless children find confidence, connection and joy.



Stephanie Cuddington, KidSport Wynyard

Stephanie's love of sport, community and youth is a part of her every day life and is what she loves pursuing in her volunteer work with KidSport as well. She believes that 'So ALL Kids Can Play' isn't just a slogan, it's a mission she lives every day and she hopes it will inspire others to join her in building a more inclusive and active Saskatchewan.



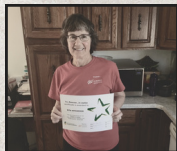
Lani Sawchyn, KidSport Wynyard

Every child deserves the chance to play, and that belief drives everything Lani does at KidSport Wynyard. Lani works hard to ensure that no child is left on the sidelines and loves to see how sport pays off when kids grow in confidence and create connections as part of a team.

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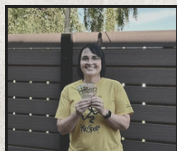


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Rita Hitchcock, KidSport Wynyard

After getting a spark for sport at elementary school in 1954, Rita has spent many years enjoying activities like softball, curling and now golf. As a lifelong volunteer and former high school teacher, she's always encouraged youth participation and joined KidSport Weyburn to help make sport accessible for all. She's proud of her community's generosity and the dedication of local recreation directors who keep kids active and engaged.



Lola Piquette, KidSport Shaunavon

Lola has always been passionate about sport, playing, coaching and organizing various activities throughout her life. She joined KidSport and found it to be a meaningful way to support kids in her community. For Lola, volunteering is good for the soul, and she's proud to help children access sports they might not otherwise afford. Her community's appreciation and support for KidSport continue to make a lasting impact.



Heather Turcotte, KidSport Tisdale

Heather's love for sport began in childhood, playing softball, volleyball and figure skating. She joined KidSport to help ensure no child is left out due to financial barriers, and continues volunteering because of the meaningful impact it has on kids and families. Heather believes even small efforts—like organizing events or completing paperwork—can make a big difference. She's proud of the many children they've helped access sport, and values the strong team of volunteers working together.



Randy Stigings, KidSport Carlyle

Helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate in sport has been a driving force for Randy in his work with KidSport. He enjoys committing time to youth and his community, believing that getting involved in sport allows kids to build confidence and friendships. Involvement in sport helps smaller communities to keep the numbers up on teams and in sports for everyone to play in.



Mike Lang, KidSport Melfort

Mike's 15-year journey with KidSport began unexpectedly but grew into a passionate commitment to helping children get off the sidelines and into the game. From his own childhood—where he was involved in hockey, baseball and soccer—to now, Mike has seen the importance of supporting young athletes to access sport, knowing that it has the power to change lives.

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Pamela Norman, KidSport Foam Lake

Pamela loves working to ensure that no child is left on the sidelines in her community of Foam Lake. She enjoys seeing kids thrive when they have the opportunity to participate in sport and join their friends.



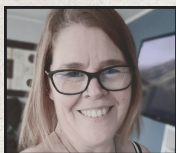
Tonia Logan, KidSport La Ronge

Tonia got involved in sport through high school, drawn to the sense of team and community, which led to a career in Community Sport & Recreation. She began volunteering with KidSport in 2003 and started the La Ronge chapter in 2006 to help families access sport. Her proudest achievement is helping over 3,200 kids and receiving the Non-Profit of the Year Award in 2022 from the La Ronge & District Chamber of Commerce.



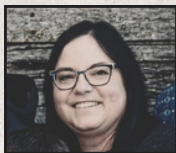
Karen Klein, KidSport Kindersley

Karen has spent years dedicated to KidSport Kindersley because she knows providing kids in her community with the opportunity to participate in sport will benefit them throughout their lives. Seeing the joy on their faces as they create lasting memories is a feeling that never gets old.



Nicole Wright, KidSport Foam Lake

Nicole wasn't very athletic growing up and had limited access to sports living on a farm, which motivated her to ensure her children had those opportunities. After moving to Foam Lake, she joined KidSport and quickly saw the value of the organization in helping families afford sports. She continues to volunteer to support small-town sports, which she believes are vital for community connection and youth development.



Amanda Crashley, KidSport Big River

For Amanda, helping children access sport and get the opportunity to play and grow is a key reason as to why she's spent years working with KidSport Big River. She loves to see the lasting impact kids getting involved in sport has on her community. She's glad that she's been able to have a role in that success and was even honoured for her role by being recognized as a Scotiabank Game Changer.

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Diane Lemon, KidSport Saskatchewan

Volunteering with KidSport has been a way to give back to the community and ensure every child has the chance to experience the joy and growth that sport brings. For Diane, it's about more than just games, it's about building confidence, friendships and lifelong values. It makes her proud to be part of a team that believes every child deserves the opportunity to play.



Dave Pettigrew, KidSport Saskatchewan

Dave got involved in sport as a child playing hockey, soccer and baseball. He began volunteering with KidSport while serving on the Sask Sport Board of Directors and later joined the annual golf tournament fundraiser. He continues to volunteer because of the meaningful impact KidSport has on kids and families and he especially enjoys hearing their success stories each year.



Colleen Hill, KidSport Kerrobert

Colleen's been a volunteer with KidSport Kerrobert for more than a decade. She's passionate about ensuring every child in the community has the opportunity to play, and grow through sport and loves that she's been able to help children get off the sideline and into the game.

Our province has so many things to be proud of and the dedication of volunteers like you who continue to give back to local Saskatchewan communities and KidSport chapters over and over again is one of them.

The work you have done over the last 15-19 years has helped KidSport flourish!

Emily Clark,
KidSport Ambassador, Olympic Gold Medallist, PWHL Ottawa Charge Player

RECOGNITION



Dwight Bergstrom, KidSport Prince Albert Recognition of his Scissor Lift Fundraiser

Each year, Dwight organizes an incredible fundraiser for KidSport Prince Albert. He sets a bold goal: to raise \$10,000 while perched high up in a scissor lift. And if he reaches that goal, he doesn't just celebrate, he camps out overnight on that lift.

"There's no good reason to spend another night on the scissor lift with the exception that if I can raise \$10,000 or more for a bunch of kids."



Garry Peters, KidSport Saskatoon Recognition of Peters and Pilon Golf Tournament

Garry Peters, a former NHL player, has been a long-time ambassador for KidSport Saskatchewan. His dedication to youth sports led to the creation of the Peters and Pilon Celebrity Golf Tournament, which raised a million dollars to support children across the province.

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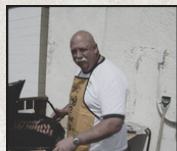
Sue Shepherd, KidSport Pipestone Qu'Appelle

Sue founded KidSport Pipestone Qu'Appelle and was passionate about giving children the chance to play. Her dedication and passion for ensuring all children have the opportunity to participate in sports have made a lasting impact on the community. Sue's leadership and volunteer spirit have helped countless kids get off the sidelines and into the game, embodying the true heart of KidSport's mission.



Shelley Cal, KidSport Hudson Bay

Shelley led KidSport Hudson Bay as chapter Chair. As a former elementary school principal, she understood the vital role sport plays in a child's life. Known for her warmth, generosity and tireless dedication, Shelly was deeply involved in local initiatives. She was always ready to lend a hand, chair committees and cheer on her grandchildren, embodying a spirit of service and compassion. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the community she helped strengthen.



Rick Nicolson, KidSport Shaunavon

Rick was a beloved member of the Shaunavon community, remembered for his lifelong dedication to service and youth sports. After a distinguished career with the RCMP, he continued to give back through coaching high school football and volunteering with KidSport. Known as "Bumpa" to his grandchildren, his passion for helping kids access sports earned him a place on the Shaunavon High School Athletic Wall of Fame.

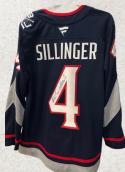
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KidSport is a children's charity that helps to fund sport registration fees for kids from families facing financial obstacles so that every child gets the opportunity to play, learn and grow through sports.

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OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!**
