



KIDSPORT RICHMOND

NEWSLETTER

KIDSPORT™ PAYS, YOUR KID PLAYS

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A \$5,000 cheque is presented to KidSport™ Richmond from the Richmond Pentecostal Church Childcare Facility

LEFT TO RIGHT: Aaron Ross, Lead Pastor; Chantelle Pereira, Childcare Director; Alexa Loo, KidSport™ Richmond Committee; Don Fisher, KidSport™ Richmond Committee.



A \$4,000 cheque from the Kajaks Track & Field Club is presented to KidSport™ Richmond

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jared Hulme, Race Director, Kajaks Track & Field Club; Alexa Loo, KidSport™ Richmond Committee; Don Fisher, KidSport™ Richmond Committee; Jordan Cluff, Owner Richmond New Balance Store.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

I am happy to report that KidSport™ Richmond has remained active over the past 3 years of the COVID pandemic. Sports activities for kids decreased immediately in March 2020 but today all sports are back to pre-pandemic level of activity.

KidSport™ Richmond would like to thank all three levels of government for their support. During this challenging time, KidSport™ Richmond continued to receive an annual grant of \$24,000 from the City of Richmond. In 2022 the Province of BC provided a one-time grant of \$40,000 so our chapter of KidSport™ could still assist kids in Richmond, to register to play sports. KidSport™ Richmond was fortunate to receive a \$25,000 a one-time grant from the Canadian Sport for all Initiative of the Government of Canada.

KidSport™ Richmond is also sincerely grateful for grants totalling nearly \$25,000 in 2022 from Cadillac Fairview Richmond Centre.

Even though KidSport™ Richmond had to cancel its major fundraising gala in 2021 and 2022, the above financial support has allowed KidSport™ Richmond to maintain providing grants of up to \$700 per child in a calendar year.

To date, the best year of KidSport™ Richmond was 2019, when we provided \$124,320 in grants to 337 kids. In 2020 we provided \$79,789 to assist 171 athletes. As sport for kids returned to competition in 2021 KidSport™ issued \$102,822 in grants to 236 kids. This past year, 2022, we allocated 332 grants for a total \$118,736. The number of applications that KidSport™ Richmond have received for January and February in 2023, is greater than the first 2 months of any previous year. We project that in 2023, KidSport™ Richmond will assist over 350 kids for a total of over \$135,000 in financial assistance so **Kids** in Richmond can play at least one season of sport.

Our chapter of KidSport™ would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel for partnering with us again to host the **8th Annual Creating Community Champions Gala**. Besides the meal, the hotel also supplies the ballroom and most staff volunteer their time for this event. THANK YOU to the Hilton Team!!

I would like to thank the members of the KidSport™ Richmond Committee and the members of the Creating Community Champions Gala Planning Committee for their dedicated and passionate support of KidSport™ Richmond.

Bob Jackson, Chair

2023 KIDSPORT™ RICHMOND COMMITTEE:

Bob Jackson, Chair | Doug Bourne, Treasurer | Annie Watson, Secretary | Steve Valenzuela, Director of Major Fundraising Project | Alex Loo, Director of Recognition | Evan Dunfee, Director of Social Media & Communications | Mandy Hadfield, Sport Manager, City of Richmond | Don Fisher | Kathleen Wong

OUR VISION: To ensure no kid is left watching from the sidelines, simply because their family can't afford the cost of sport.

RICHMOND KIDS IN THESE COMMUNITY SPORTS GROUPS RECEIVING GRANTS IN 2022

- A. R. MacNeill Secondary School
- Aura Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Canadian Dolphins Swim Club
- Cheer Sport Sparks Vancouver
- ClearOne Badminton Centre
- Connaught Figure Skating Club
- Delta Blue Jays Baseball
- Delta Fastpitch Association
- Delta Gymnastics Society
- Flight Club Artistic Movement
- Focus Volleyball Club
- Fraserview Golf Academy
- Fusion FC Soccer
- H. J. Cambie Secondary School
- Hugh Boyd Secondary School
- Kajaks Track & Field Club
- Killarney Youth Soccer Club
- Matthew McNair Secondary School
- Pacific Wave Synchronized Swimming Club
- Richmond Air Attack Volleyball Club
- Richmond Archery Club (Gum Ying Hapiko, Inc.)
- Richmond City Baseball Association
- Richmond Girls' Softball Association
- Richmond Gymnastics Association
- Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Association
- Richmond Lacrosse Association
- Richmond Minor Football League
- Richmond Ravens Female Hockey Association
- Richmond Ringette Association
- Richmond Rugby Club
- Richmond Secondary School
- Richmond/South Delta Ball Hockey Association
- Richmond United Soccer Club
- Richmond Youth Soccer Association (Richmond FC)
- Robert C. Palmer Secondary School
- Sirota's Alchymty Martial Arts Centre
- Supra Soccer Academy
- Steveston-London Secondary School
- The Hive Climbing Club Vancouver
- TSS Football Club
- Vancouver Allstar Cheerleading
- Wang Heng Wusha Taino Institute
- Wayland Sports
- Winskill Dolphins Swim Club



The Richmond BC Pickleball Association presents a \$2,000 cheque to KidSport™ Richmond

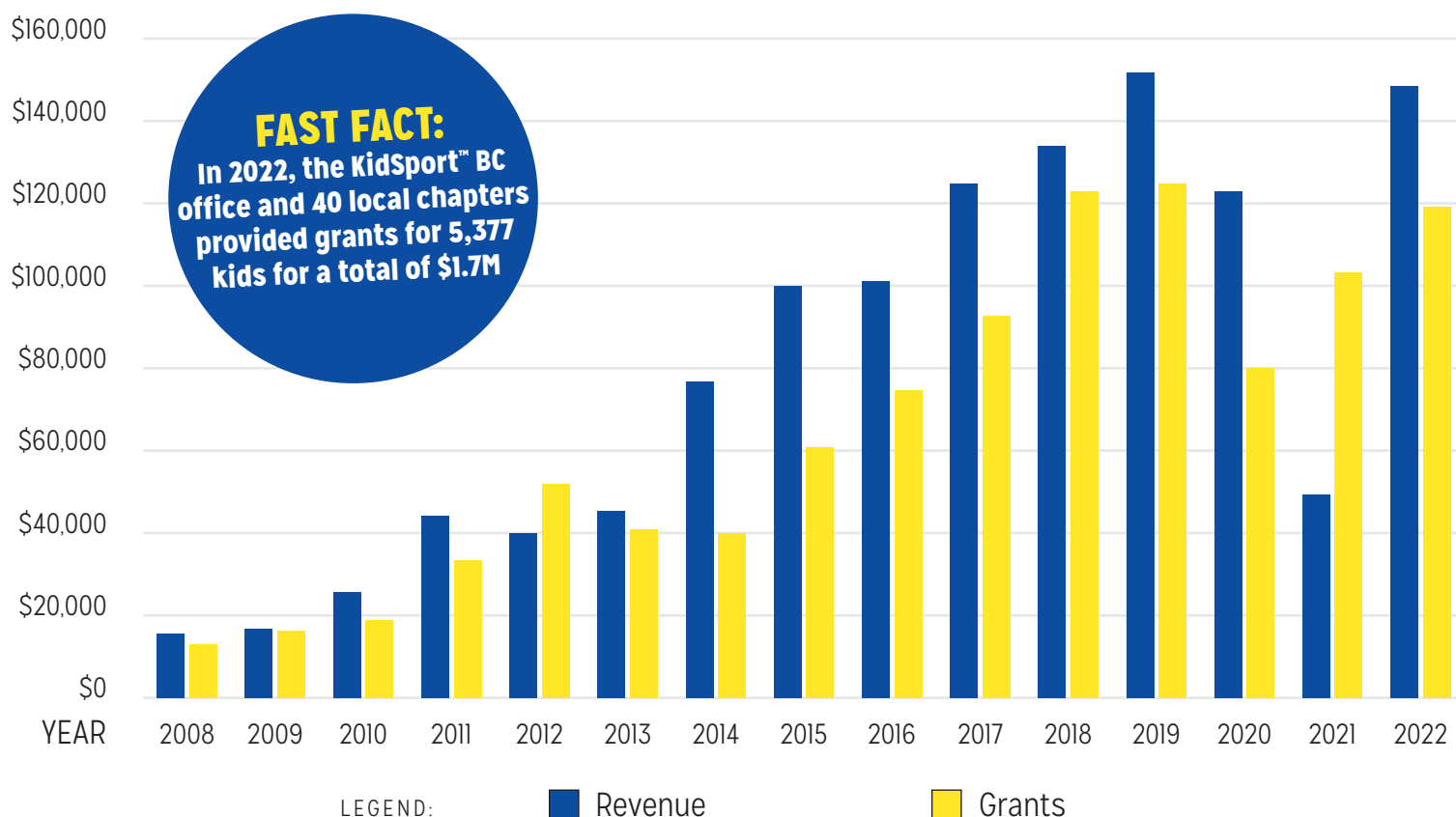
LEFT TO RIGHT: Ingrid Defert, RCPBA Secretary; Bob Jackson, KidSport™ Richmond Chair; Gordon Farrell, RCPBA President.



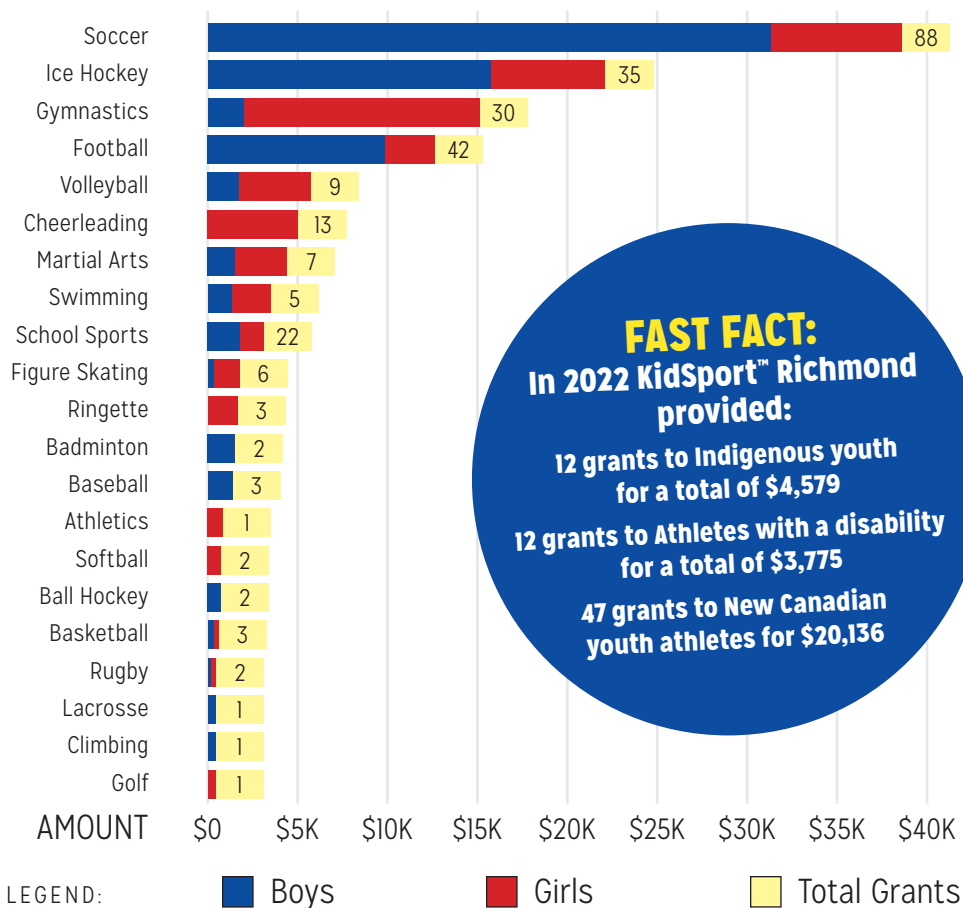
The Nations Cup Soccer Society presents a \$1,500 cheque to KidSport™ Richmond

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jeff Wilson, President of Nations Cup Soccer Society; Don Fisher, KidSport™ Richmond Committee; Sean Davies, Nations Cup Soccer Society Board Member

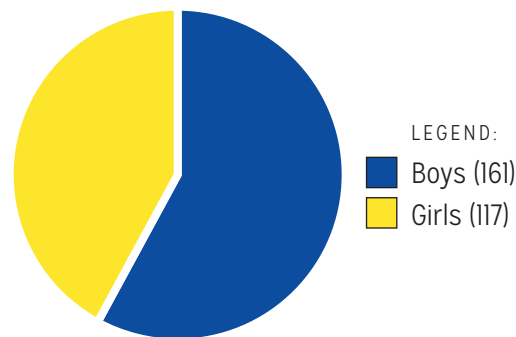
KIDSPORT™ GRANT RECIPIENTS BY YEAR



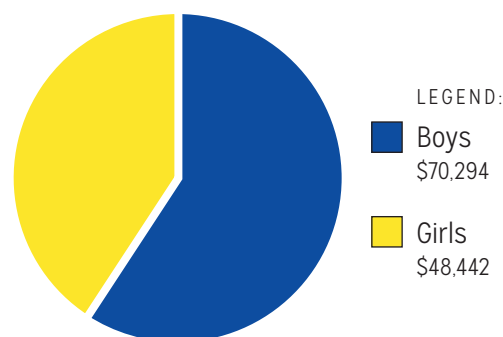
KIDSPORT™ RICHMOND GRANTS FOR SPORT BY GENDER FOR THE YEAR 2022



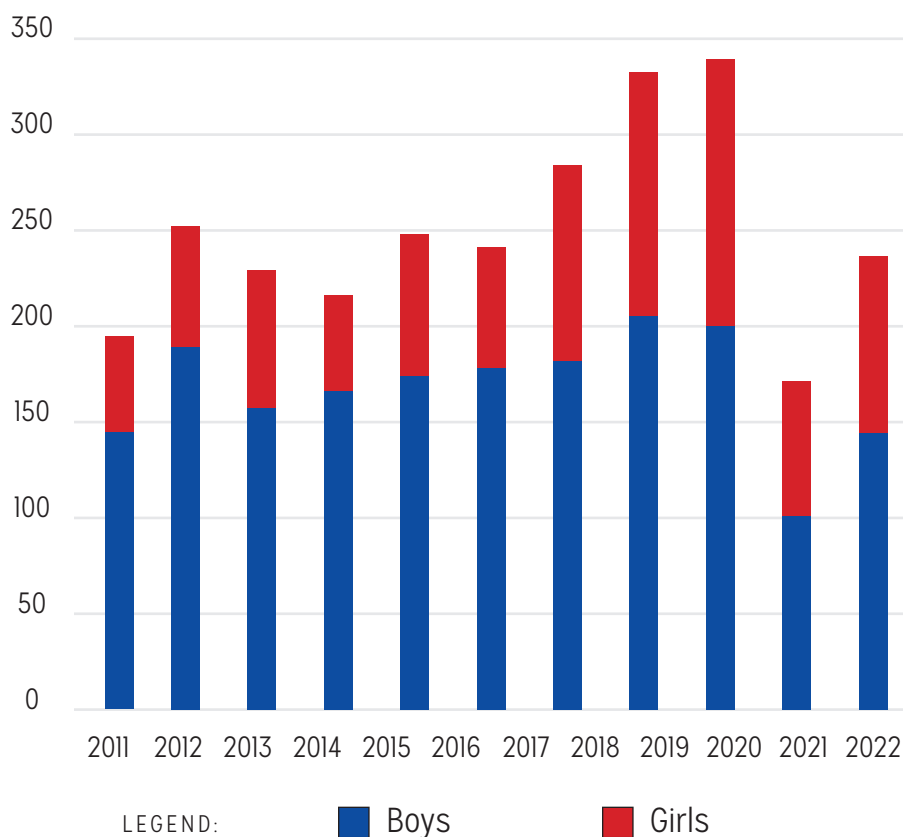
NUMBER OF GRANTS BY GENDER 2022



VALUE OF GRANTS BY GENDER 2022



KIDSPORT™ GRANT RECIPIENTS BY YEAR



2022 DONORS & SPONSORS

- BC Government
- Cadillac Fairview – Richmond Centre Mall
- City of Richmond
- Creating Community Champions Gala
- Government of Canada
- Kajaks Track & Field Club
- KidSport™ BC
- Nations Cup Soccer Society
- Richmond Arenas Community Association
- Richmond Pentacostal Church Childcare Facility
- Sport BC

We greatly appreciate the support of our loyal donors & sponsors!

In Memory of Jim Lamond

Jim Lamond was a Charter Member of the KidSport™ Richmond Committee and passed away on July 1, 2022 due to COVID. Jim was great supporter of youth sport in Richmond by coaching, and being involved with youth sports administration for over 50 years.

R.I.P. Jim

THE KIDSPORT™ STORY

In 1993, member PSOs (Provincial Sport Organizations) of Sport BC were concerned that kids were unable to register in local sports organizations due to financial barriers. The KidSport™ concept was launched in 1993 by board and staff at Sport BC, as a way to help address the financial challenges faced by many families when registering their children in a local organized sport.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

So ALL Kids Can Play!

From humble beginnings and big dreams from the Sport BC Office, the KidSport™ program has expanded to become a national entity with operations in 11 provinces/territories and decentralized to over 160 local community chapters across Canada. Since its beginning in 1993, across Canada KidSport™ has assisted over 1 million kids.

Here in BC, KidSport™ continues to be operated as a program of Sport BC with 40 community chapters in addition to the Provincial Office. Since 1993, in BC, KidSport™ has provided over \$19M in grants to assist more than 80,000 kids.

In Richmond, the local chapter of KidSport™ was established in 2008. As of January 2023, KidSport™ Richmond has provided 3,374 grants for a total of \$999,417.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VANCOUVER HILTON AIRPORT HOTEL

In July 2013, KidSport™ Richmond reported to the Richmond Sports Council, that our committee had approved nearly 20 grants at our last meeting for a maximum of \$150 each, but the funds for these community sports groups would be delayed until KidSport™ Richmond raised more revenue. KidSport™ Richmond was broke!

At this meeting, the representative for the Richmond Cricket Club, was also the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Upon returning to work, he proposed an idea to the General Manager, that the Hilton partner with KidSport™ Richmond by hosting a KidSport™ fundraising banquet. The hotel would provide a 3-course meal, the banquet room and the services of all staff. KidSport™ would be responsible for planning and promoting the banquet. After 7 years of this outstanding partnership, the Gala has raised \$333,385. Due to success of the Gala, for the last 5 years KidSport™ Richmond has been able to provide grants up to a maximum of \$700 per child in a calendar year. This is still the largest grant by a community chapter of KidSport™ in Canada.

KidSport™ Richmond is sincerely grateful for the continued support of the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel and the amazing talented staff. There is an old Nigerian proverb that states **"It Takes a Village to Raise a Child."** The Hilton Hotel has been an outstanding corporate member of our village, the City of Richmond. Their commitment has helped KidSport™ Richmond reach its motto, **"So ALL Kids Can Play"** in Richmond.

KidSport™ Richmond would like to thank the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel for continuing to support KidSport™ Richmond especially after the hotel has suffered greatly during the last 3 years due to the Covid pandemic. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the current Management Team:

Chris Perna, General Manager

Q Duong, Regional Director of Sales & Marketing

Alex Hancock, Executive Chef

Catherine Yang, Catering Sales Manager

FUNDS RAISED BY CREATING COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS GALA DINNER BY YEAR



2023 KIDSPORT™ RICHMOND CREATING COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Steve Valenzuela, Co-Chair | Annie Watson, Co-Chair | Kathy Nakhleh, Co-Chair
Barb Bunting | Helen Koutsandreas | Eden Carlsen-Rousselle

We pay so KIDS Can Play!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Contact us to donate or volunteer with KidSport™ Richmond!

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