

## Novice Tigers collect ?Pucks for Charity?



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Aurora's Novice AA Tigers started hunting for abandoned pucks throughout the different rinks they played at while playing in the Preston Tournament in mid-January.

Hunting for pucks has become a regular team occurrence for this group of eight-year-old boys but over this past weekend it has evolved into much deeper meaning that extends beyond this group of hockey players, and their hockey family.

This group of boys conferred in dressing rooms and throughout the hotel hallways, deciding that they would sell the pucks they had collected and donate the proceeds to charity.

They unanimously claimed their love for hockey and couldn't imagine what life would be like without the game and that every child should be able to experience "hockey and all that it brings.?"

This generous group of boys didn't want money to impose a barrier for those families who struggle financially to be the reason a child did not get to experience the hockey.

Once back at their home rinks, the boys quickly started to execute their plan, channelling their abundance of energy and began hustling around the rink asking people to support the cause and buy a puck from them.

Their endeavour to raise money from the pucks they had collected became real with the kind gesture of a generous stranger as she donated \$100 to their cause as she too believed that every child should have the opportunity to experience hockey.

In less than a week the boys have raised over \$275 and have set a goal to raise \$1,000. For anyone who has already been approached by the boys at the rink, thank you for the support, and for anyone that would like to support this initiative created by the young players of the Novice AA team, please contact Pina Blakley ([pinablakley@gmail.com](mailto:pinablakley@gmail.com)) or Emily Stewart ([emjstewart@gmail.com](mailto:emjstewart@gmail.com)).