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FOOD DRIVE FEED OVER 8000!!

A Whole Lotta Food

By Dawn Coe

8,223 meals. 8,223 Meals. 8,223 MEALS!!!! That is the number of meals Booster Club raised in our annual Power Play for Hunger Food Drive. Held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 in the Harris Teeter parking lot at the Cary Towne Center, I would say that the Power Play for Hunger was a huge success!

Volunteers from the CHBC, Rex Hospital, and Fidelity Investments converged under the big white tent starting at 9:30 in the morning and we didn't stop taking donations until well after 6:30 p.m. Every time we thought we were finished for the day, another person would come by with some money or a food donation for us. Being the first really nice Saturday of the month, we did run into a slow start to our day with not very many people coming by in the early hours. That all changed around 4:00 p.m. when the people manning the doors of the Harris Teeter and those at the donation tent and truck were hard pressed to keep up with the flood of people coming by. We even got a visit from local boxer Paul "the Italian Hitman" Marinaccio, who not only made a donation to the cause, but also stayed for over 30 minutes autographing photos and chatting with volunteers. He even posed for a group picture with our team and the food bank truck. On April 18th, Paul was the headline fight on ESPN's Wednesday Fight Night and although he lost by technical knock out, he made all of us in NC and the BC proud to know him. Paul wasn't the only celebrity who stopped by.

The Harris Teeter mascot also made an appearance, to the delight of all in attendance. We got visits from Doug Warf of the Kids N' Community Foundation and Big Mike from the Storm Squad dropped in to support our cause as well. We greatly appreciated them taking time from their busy schedules to stop in and make a donation.

Combining the food donated at Rex Hospital's mini-drive and at Fidelity Investments with the food we gathered on Saturday, the club took in 5410 pounds of food and \$863.00 in cash donations! These are great totals and we hope to build on that for next year's event. Ariana, my fantastic co-chair, has already individually listed our sponsors in her message, but I want to send out my heartfelt thanks to all our corporate sponsors along with all the people who

volunteered their time to make this a marquee event of our 2006-2007 season. Thanks!

A Co-Captain's Message of Thanks ...

By Ariana Tinney

I believe that the greatest gifts come from the heart and that community service is a way to make a difference in someone's life. Shouldn't we all strive to make the world a little better? You don't have to donate hundreds or thousands of dollars to brighten someone's day, a can of food or stuffed animal can & does make a difference!

My co-captain extraordinaire for this year's *Power Play for Hunger*, Dawn Coe, helped the event take shape with her vision, dedication and effort. I think we made a great team!!!

I am honored to have the opportunity to help with the Booster Club's charitable endeavors and glad that I can be a liaison between the Club and Rex Hospital. In my experience, most people will donate toward a charitable cause when they are given the chance and I was thrilled that our executive team at Rex wanted to help participate in this year's Food Drive. In an effort to give the employees a convenient way to donate on their way to work, we held a "mini drive" at the Rex Campus on Friday March 30th and offered prizes such as game tickets and limited edition memorabilia. As additional incentive, we awarded a Pizza Party to the department that donated the largest number of items. We had a great response and special thanks go to Erika Tinney for finding creative ways to involve her department and ultimately contributing @ 1/3 of the total Rex donations!

No community event can be successful without the help of numerous people and this year's *Power Play for Hunger* Food Drive was no different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of this event.
THANK YOU -----

We are pleased with the turnout this year and hope to grow the event next year!
With the help of generous and caring people like you, we can accomplish anything!

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From the President / Brian Williamson

Hello Members,

Well the season has ended for the Hurricanes and I for one am thankful. It was a very long, stressful, and trying season for everyone. Good thing is, we get to start all over again and the count down to Training

Camp has begun. We are going to be moving into the free agency signing period soon and there are some key members of the Hurricanes to be signed. Thankfully, one major piece, Ray Whitney has just resigned and his hard work for the Canes has been rewarded.

We were able to obtain the Southern Comfort Cup this past season. Our first win in over 5 years, the cup will be presented to us at the NHLBC Convention in August. If you are interested in attending the convention, please contact Clare Cook. She has all the forms and information you will need to join us in Philadelphia.

I also want to thank everyone with our club and congratulate you all on a great and productive season. We have been able to take our charitable activities to a new level and that is a credit to everyone's hard work and dedication to our cause and mission of promoting hockey in the Triangle.

The club has just concluded elections for next years board and the listing of the officers will be in this issue. I would like to personally thank the outgoing board for helping me this year and let all of you know that this would not have been a successful year without everyone's support. Thank you very much!

We are in the process of planning some group activities for the summer to keep everyone involved, so please keep an eye out for updates from the CHBC.

Thank you,

Brian Williamson

From the Editors

Board
Off Season Ideas

The 2006-2007 Booster Club Year was filled with fun, excitement and support for the community. Social events such as the Christmas Party, All-Star Game and tailgating provided opportunities for members to interact and meet one another. The Caniac Critters and Power Play for Hunger were just two of the highly success charitable events the Booster Club organized this year. The club's volunteer night at the Annual UNC-TV Festival helped to raise over \$60,000 for the PBS station. The Booster Club also raised enough funds to send ten kids to Canes Youth Hockey Camp this year.

Brian Williamson will continue to serve as President this coming season, as elections for the Hurricanes Booster Club were held in April. The new board features a mix of veteran personnel and three new members. Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to all those who served on last year's board. Your efforts and accomplishments provided the club with a lot of momentum. We all look forward to a new and exciting year to come.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in the Power Play for Hunger Food Drive held on March 31, 2007. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC was overjoyed by the amount of food and donations obtained by the Booster Club. Over 8200 meals will be made available to needy families. A special thanks to Dawn Coe and Ariana Tinney who organized this charitable event.

If you have any activity ideas for the club to do during the off season please bring them up to a board member. The Hurricanes Booster Club will continue to meet and organize events during the summer months. With activity ideas it will not be such a long wait until training camp opens.

Rookie Year / Greg Schessler

Playoff Wisdom...from the Couch

My Rookie Year by Greg Schessler

By now WE all know that the Carolina Hurricane became the third team in history to win the Stanley Cup and follow it up the next year by missing the playoffs. Not exactly a stat many teams wish they had on their resume. However, it could be worse...

In the 1975-1976 season, the Washington Capitals did not even come close to making the playoffs. They finished the season with only eight wins in 80 games. They lost a dismal 67 games and had five ties. Commenting about the losses, Coach Tom McVie said, "I'd rather find out that my wife was cheating on me than to have to keep losing like this. At least I could tell my wife to cut it out." The Capitals went on to win only eleven games the following year.

At least the Capitals can say that they "SHARE" bragging rights for the longest losing streak in the NHL. Both teams lost an incredible seventeen games in a row at one point in their franchise history. The seventies really were not the Capitals best decade, as this accomplishment of losing occurred in the 1974-1975 season. The Sharks posted the same feat in the 1992-1993 season. Needless to say, neither team made the playoffs that year.

If you are feeling down about passing the cup to another team, consider yourself lucky. The Canes won the cup last year. The Chicago Blackhawks have not seen the cup since John F. Kennedy first stepped into the White House. Be honest, who really remembers that far back?

Missing the playoffs really is not the worst thing in the world. We all have our health. We still have our Canes. We always have next year. And we all have the best seat in the house...THE COUCH!!!

Our New Board

A big WOOHOO to our new board. There Email information is on page 2.

President- Brian Williamson

Vice President- Clare Cook

Secretary-

Corresponding- Pam Jenkins

Recording- Annette Hutchens

Treasurer- Suzanne Hagen

Open Board-

1. Dawn Coe
2. Connie Israel
3. Dianne McKenzie
4. Wayne Stephenson

Our Donations

Canes Summer Hockey Camp Donation

Due to outstanding fund raising and support, the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club was able to donate \$3000 to the Kids N' Community Foundation.

This money will be used by the Canes organization to send a total of 10 under-privileged kids to the 3 Canes Summer Hockey Camps.

Our club has long been one of the strongest supports of youth hockey in the area, but this year we were able to donate over double the amount of money we usually are able to!

During April's General Meeting, Doug Warf and Paul Strand from the Canes Organization were present to accept the check from the CHBC.

Paul Strand was given a check for \$3000 which will send



10 kids to hockey camp this summer. Doug received \$1235 which will go towards the scholarships that the Kids-n-Community organization give out twice a year. Doug stated that they have been able to give our more this year than previous years. The Fan Ring Raffle earned more than \$40,000. Doug said the Kids-n-Community organization could not thank the CHBC enough for all they have done over the years.

Help Wanted

The club is in need of volunteers for the following events:

Summer Picnic- The annual picnic is held in July. It is a fun way to get to know all of your fellow CHBCers. The board will help you with the event.

Draft Day Party- The club usually has a draft day party. Location can be at Blinco's and the board will assist you with organizing this and prizes are available from the treasure chest

Newsletter- Help is needed to organize, proof read and get articles for the newsletter.

If any of these interest you, please contact one of the board members. There emails are on page 2.

Volunteering Events

Rex Open

Volunteer for this fun event!

The Rex Hospital Open Nationwide Tour golf tournament will return to TPC Wakefield Plantation - June 3 through June 10. This is the only Nationwide Tour stop in North Carolina.

The Open has become one of the Triangle's premier annual sporting events. It is covered extensively by local media and recognized on the Golf Channel. Many of the players have gone on to win on the PGA Tour.

We need approximately 400 volunteers to make this tournament a success. Please consider being a volunteer for this great event! Please go to the Rex Hospital Open website and feel out the volunteer application form.

This is a Uniform Package/Volunteer fee of **\$20 for Hurricanes Booster Club Members!!** (Please return your completed form and check to: The Rex Hospital Foundation, 2500 Blue Ridge Rd., Ste. 325, Raleigh NC 27607. Your check should be made to *The Rex Hospital Open*.)



As a volunteer, you will receive the following:

- Volunteer Badge-valid for admission and volunteer parking throughout the Tournament Week
- Two Weekly Ground Badges-guests of your choice to attend The Rex Open June 7-10
- A golf shirt
- A golf hat
- Two invitations to Volunteer Appreciation Party (food and beverages will be provided)
- Meals during your shifts
- And, if you work a minimum of three shifts (a shift is approx. 4-6 hours each), you will get one transferable TPC Wakefield Plantation golf voucher (free golf with a \$30 cart fee)

WE NEED AND VALUE YOUR SUPPORT. The funds raised this year will go to The Rex Hospital Foundation and will support the Rex Special Care Nursery and our Rex Cancer Outreach programs.

www.therexhospitalopen.com

Booster club contact: Ariana at

Ariana.tinney@rexhealth.com

Thank You from the Food Bank

Dawn Coe.

Wow! Saturday was such a great day! Many thanks to you and the CHBC for your dedicated efforts to put the food drive together and for working so hard all day long. The results were terrific!

You collected 1920 pounds of food at Harris Teeter. (1617 meals)

Fidelity collected 1475 pounds. (1242 meals)

Rex collected 2015 pounds. (1697 meals)

That's a total of 5410 pounds of food, which is equivalent to 4556 meals!!!

Once all the money is in, I will convert the money you collected into pounds of food, along with the actual pounds of food collected, and I'll let you know how many total meals that's equivalent to.

Your efforts will go a long way in helping with the fight against hunger. Please extend our most sincere thanks to all who participated, and please know that we so appreciate all CHBC has done to care for those who are hungry in our community, and the action you all took to really make a difference to help your neighbors in need.

With much gratitude,

Nancy

We received the remainder of the funds today - \$509.81 and I spoke with Arianna at Rex who said she's sent us 2 checks for \$25 each. That brings your total cash collected to \$863!! When we add the pounds of food you collected (5410) along with the funds (\$863), that is equivalent to 8,223 MEALS!!! WOW!! Fantastic!!!

PLEASE send me the mailing address where I can send you a thank you note, and please be sure to share it with everyone in the group!!

Thanks again for all you've done to help fight hunger right here in our community. What a success!!

Nancy Novell

Special Events & Food Drive Coordinator

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

Catch a Rising Star

By Tammy Sofield

I met a local player this year with a Hurricanes connection and a lot of talent and potential. His name is Wyatt Sexton and he is 12 years old. Wyatt has been playing local hockey since he was 6 years old and on a travel hockey team since 7.

Currently playing both ice and roller hockey, Wyatt excels at both. Wyatt's aggressiveness and true love for hockey is what has made him perform so well. As he has gotten older, his love of the game has increased. His parents are very proud of the fact that Wyatt is an A-B student. And that he knows in order to play as much hockey as he does, he must keep his grades up.

Wyatt currently plays ice hockey for the peewee Raleigh Raiders, who were founded by Ron Francis in 2005. The Raiders placed 1st in 5 of the 6 tournaments they attended this year. Team Carolina is the roller hockey team he plays for. Team Carolina has placed 1st or 2nd in the 6 tournaments they have attended so far this season. Wyatt plays forward for both teams. He was the high scorer this year for the Raiders, as well as leading Team Carolina in scoring. Below is a chart of his scoring stats.

	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Raleigh Raiders	39	19	58
Team Carolina	64	32	96



Wyatt has worn the number 26 since he was 7 years old. His inspiration is, of course, Hurricanes player Erik Cole. He looks up to Cole not just for his scoring ability, but also for his constant hustle on the ice. When asked who his all time favorite players are, he said "Erik Cole is my favorite. Next would be Wayne Gretzky then Mario Lemieux."

Recently Wyatt and one of his team mates, Jeff Reynolds, were extended invitations to try out for Team USA Inline. They both did very well at the tryouts and made the team! They will be competing in the Junior Olympics in Taylor, Michigan this July. I would like to wish both of them the best of luck! I will be providing a follow up on the event and how the team does.

To learn more about the teams and see photos, please visit their websites. . The Raiders website is raleighraiders.org. The Team Carolina website is missionteamcarolina.com.

Canes win Southern Cup

By John Gallagher

2007 Southern Comfort Cup Results

The Hurricanes Booster Club will be awarded the Southern Comfort Cup during the NHLBC Convention during the weekend of August 10th - 12th, at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Points</u>
Carolina	15	8	1	31
Tampa Bay	14	9	1	29
Florida	11	8	5	27
Washington	8	12	4	20

Past Winners of the Southern Comfort Cup

2006 – Florida Panthers
2005 – No winner due to the lockout
2004 - Tampa Bay Lightning
2003 – Washington Capitals



History of the Southern Comfort Cup

The Southern Comfort Cup was created during the 2002 NHLBC convention in Atlantic City, NJ. It was a collaborative effort by members of the Washington Capitals Fan Club, Florida Panthers Booster Club, and the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club.

It was created to promote friendly competition between the Southeast Division Booster Clubs. Clubs participating include the Tampa Bay Lightning Booster Club, the Carolina Hurricanes Booster Club, Florida Panthers Booster Club, and the Washington Capitals Fan Club. The Cup originated and was cared for by the Washington Capitals Fan Club, the inaugural winners during the 2002-03 season.

Scoring for the Cup race is determined by the head-to-head match-ups for each participating team following the NHL standard for points: 2 points for a win, 1 point for an overtime loss, and 0 points for a regulation loss. The Cup is presented to the winning booster club at the annual NHLBCC dinner during the NHLBCC convention weekend each August.

Thank You!!!!

Power Play for Hunger

Harris Teeter
All of the volunteers
The Carolina Hurricanes Organization
Rex Hospital Executive Office
Rex Operational Support Association (ROSA)
Jim Blinco and Blinco's
Fidelity
Kate Stewart
On The Border
Karen Prince and Dunkin Donuts
Café Kado
All American Relocation
Storr Office Environments
Rex Hospital Emergency Response Team
Everyone who donated prizes

DAWN COE
ARIANA TINNEY

Thank you from The Snyder's

Graham and I are home briefly to attend the funeral of a very close family friend. We officially finishing our travels in two weeks and then will be back at home for good.

When we did get home two days ago, we were so pleased to see that the bears had arrived. They are absolutely gorgeous and will be a wonderful addition to the silent auction at the golf tournament this July. I am going to get the authenticity certificates framed to go along with them and I'm sure they will generate a lot of interest. Our thanks to the entire club for sending them.

Again our sincere thanks for the very generous donation to the Dan Snyder Foundation and also for inviting us to speak for a bit at your booster club meeting. It seems so long ago now. We enjoyed meeting everyone and thoroughly enjoyed the great hospitality after the meeting. You are all a wonderful group of people and are a credit to the Carolina organization. It was a great evening and our pleasure to spend some time in your beautiful city.

Thank you and our warmest regards,

Graham and LuAnn Snyder



Thank You Letter from Kate

Many thanks go out to all of my fellow board members for their hard work this year. We had a very successful year and it could not have happened without your hard work and dedication. We also had a lot of wonderful support from the general membership, of which is very much appreciated. Finally, I would also like to thank everyone for their support during my recent illness and surgery. It really meant a lot to me. Thank you and I will be around!
-Kate

Thank You Letter from Scott

On a personal note, I'd like to thank y'all for sponsoring the event. I know it warms hearts and makes kids happy when they can get a gift like this.



My son was in for his third round of ear tube patching surgery today at Rex. I came back from a quick errand and there was a white box with some blue writing on it shaped like a house in his room at the end of the bed. You guessed it - they gave him one of the Booster Club bears. He was still a bit groggy from the drugs and a little hypnotized by a movie on the TV, but he loved it. It definitely cheered him up when he saw what was in the box.

Thanks again! I look forward to participating more fully in future rounds of such a worthwhile event! Keep up the great work!

- Scott M.



Upcoming Events

Next **CHBC**

Meeting

Monday, May 8th

7:00 pm RBC Center Varsity Room

Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

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