

Annual Udder Tournament coming

The sixth annual Udder Tournament, a charitable women's hockey tournament, will be held at the Caledon East arena Nov. 10, 11 and 12.

This year, all proceeds raised will be shared between the Donna deBoer Memorial Scholarship Fund for female athletes, and the Girls Can Too program.

Girls Can Too is a program that operates out of the Bolton Camp and provides young women with hands-on learning experiences in construction and ecology. It includes mentorship and training opportunities with females from a variety of professions. More information about Girls Can Too can be found at <https://trca.ca/learning/bolton-camp-project/girls-can-too/>

The tournament has previously raised more than \$100,000, shared between the scholarship and community initiatives. Thirteen scholarships have been awarded to support female athletes enrolled in post-secondary education. Scholarship applicants need to exude positive values, such as sportsmanship, respect for others and cooperation, both on and off the ice.

The tournament is facilitated by Caledon Women's Hockey League (CWHL), and is only successful due to volunteers, community involvement and players' participation.

Those looking to volunteer or donate (support-in-kind, financial or items for the raffle and/or silent auction) are asked to contact Kathy Stranks at kstranks@sympatico.ca

The tournament was initially created to recognize a founding CWHL member's remarkable contribution to the league and community. After a courageous battle, Donna deBoer died of brain cancer in 2011.

The tournament's success has been two-fold. It celebrates a teammate, friend and life-long dairy farmer's influence and qualities, while bringing the community together for some old fashioned Canadian sport and camaraderie. Ms. deBoer was a proud local dairy farmer and alongside her family implemented a robotic milking system, allowing a good work-life balance with family and community. Her passion for dairy farming led to the cow theme of the tournament.

For more information, got to www.facebook.com/TheUdderTournament