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Teddy Bear Toss lands in ED

For 2 decades, a very special hockey event, “where goals are announced but not kept” has happened in Simcoe. The Simcoe & District Minor Hockey Association’s Optimist Beginner Fun Day sees players, 3 to 6 year old faceoff to enjoy “hockey for the fun of it” according to convener Wayne King. On April 2, teams from Simcoe, Delhi, Waterford, Langton and Tillsonburg came to the Simcoe Rec. Centre and Talbot Gardens arenas to play in a 2 game series. In between the first and second series of games, the kids are asked to toss teddy bears onto the Garden’s ice. The youngest of players then collected the teddy bears to donate to the Volunteer Association to NGH & NHHN Share Bear program.



This is only the second time the Fun Day has held the Teddy Bear toss; something the players look forward to. Dozens of bears have been donated to the program. King said “everyone gets to touch the puck, gets to play” and in a way touches the life of another child during a sometimes difficult time visiting the hospital’s emergency department.

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