

## MUSTACHES & MULLETS 7

CHARITY ADULT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
THE EDGE ICE ARENA - LITTLETON, COLORADO
AUGUST 14-16TH, 2020

BENEFICIARIES



## COLORADO SLED HOCKEY

Colorado Sled Hockey (CSH) was formed in 1995 and, in 1996, the team joined with the Colorado Avalanche to become the first NHL-affiliated sled hockey team in the country. Since then, CSH has expanded to include a Youth program and 3 Adult teams (A, B and Wounded Warriors). The teams have combined for multiple league and national titles. The Adult A team has won 3 National Championships and the Adult B Team recently won the National Championship. We have players from up and down the front range and hold clinics regularly throughout the state to grow the sport. Many of our Adult players started in our Youth program. Being involved with team sports has helped them become confident adults, go on to attend college and become completely self-sufficient adults. Our 2018-19 budget was a little over \$90,000 with roughly \$65,000 raised through donations and the remaining being self-funded by the players. The funds raised through the 2015 Mustaches & Mullets 2 Charity Adult Hockey Tournament sent 4 CSH Athletes to the National Training camp in Michigan and 2 of those Athletes made the US Sled Hockey Team that won the Gold Medal in Sochi, Russia in 2014. The funds raised through the 2016 & 2017 Mustaches & Mullets 3 & 4 Charity Adult Hockey Tournaments paid for multiple ice slotes where 40 disabled athletes were able to practice and prepare for each season. For more information about Colorado Sled Hockey, please visit: www.coloradosledhockev.org





The Colorado Visionaries Blind Hockey Club (CoVBHC) organization's mission is to provide blind and low vision people of all ages and abilities with the opportunity to ice skate and play hockey. CoVBHC (a registered 50Ic(3) entity) provides players with most of their equipment, coaching, and ice time. It is a volunteer run organization.

Blind Hockey is the same exhilarating, fast-paced sport as Ice Hockey with only one main difference – all of the players are legally blind. and the puck is larger. For international play, players must be classified as eligible in one of the three International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) classifications. Typically, totally blind athletes play goal (or defense); lower sighted athletes play defense; and higher sighted athletes play forward. The most significant modification is that the sport features an adapted puck that makes noise and is both bigger and slower than a traditional puck. Players' levels of vision range from legally blind – approximately 10% vision or less – to totally blind.

Blind Hockey has been played in Canada since the early 1970's. The sport was first played in the U.S. on 10/18/14 with the first ever Blind Hockey Summit in Newburgh, NY. At this event, local and Canadian players players formed two teams and played two structured games, following a try-it session which introduced the sport to many new players. CoVBHC is one of several programs around the USA, with more coming. There is a Blind Hockey Summit that is now an annual USA Hockey sanctioned event which brings players and administrators together from across the country to play and grow the sport. Team USA Blind Hockey plays tournaments with Team Canada and the Visionaries supports and feeds Team USA Blind Hockey with eligible players. Blind Hockey is an excellent spectator sport as it is easily recognizable to the average hockey fan, with minimal rule adaptations to help with game-play and player safety.

For information about Colorado Visionaries Blind Hockey Club, email us at covisionariesbhc@gmail.com or visit on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CoVisionariesBHC

The **Dawg Nation Hockey Foundation** is committed to serving the local hockey community and exists solely to aid those that have suffered financial hardship due to injury or illness. Members are dedicated to promoting the spirit of fellowship by supporting players and player's families in high standards of health, wellness, and fair play in recreational hockey competitions while supporting league and team players in local community outreach. They specifically identify individuals and families in need, and strive to provide relief through difficult times. Started in 2011, Dawg Nation has generated over \$1,600,000 in reciepient aid but more importantly has aided over 100 hockey families across the Rocky Mountain Region.

From the weekend warrior needing assistance to pay his or her medical bills all the way to grieving families that have lost a loved one. Dawg Nation is not just there to help financially, but also physically, mentally and even spiritually. For more information about Dawg Nation Hockey Foundation,

please visit : www.dawgnation.org.