

Tourney raised \$11,000 for kids ¹⁹⁸⁹

The fifth annual Greenfield Park charity softball tournament concluded last Sunday night with a new champion and more than \$11,000 raised for the Mackay Center for deaf and crippled children in Montreal.

More than 32 teams took part in the four-day event at Pierre Laporte Park in Greenfield Park. East Greenfield took home the Michael Reid Memorial Trophy after beating Fred's gas station 4-2 in the slo-pitch A final. The Peel Pub won the consolation final with a 7-4 win over the CFCF Heat.

This year tournament officials instituted a popular, slo-pitch requirement (also known as "gimme pitching") to eliminate "ringer pitching" in which one team can dominate simply by having one vastly superior pitcher.

Tournament organizer Frank Reid also praised the efforts of some 40 to 50 volunteers who donated their time in a variety

of ways, including umpiring games and selling refreshments.

One of the tourney's most enjoyable moments came on Saturday afternoon when a team of NHL hockey players took on the tournament's organizing committee. The NHLer's — led by Steve and Dave Kasper, Ray Bourque, Garry Galley, Doug Smith and Jeff Chychrun — defeated the locals 12-3.

Several children from the Mackay Centre were on hand to cheer for their NHL favorites and some were lucky enough to receive autographed hockey sticks as gifts.

The tournament has raised more than \$50,000 over five years.

"We raised a lot of money this year," said Reid, "but everything seems to cost more these days."

"The important thing is that everybody had a good time. And you can bet we'll be back again next year."