

MIKE REID CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Softball games help kids

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The 17th edition of the Mike Reid Charity Softball Tournament held in Greenfield Park last weekend was a huge success, with the support of more than 60 volunteers.

"We've grown so much," said Wade Wilson, chairman of the tournament's executive committee. "The only reason why we can't grow more is because of time constraints."

A record 32 teams, some from as far away as Toronto, competed for four days at the Pierre Laporte Park to see who would win the Mike Reid Memorial trophy. Other teams came from the West Island and the South Shore.

Wilson estimated that the event would bring in a net profit of \$20,000, well over the \$8,000 that was made the first year the event was held. The tournament has generated \$240,000 over the past 16 years.

It was established by friends and family of Reid, who died of Muscular Dystrophy 17 years ago at the age of 21. His parents, sister, and friends now make up the executive committee that oversees the tournament's organization.

Proceeds go to the MacKay center, which assists deaf and physically disabled children. Reid, an avid sports fan, would have graduated from the center the year he died.



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EST-CE UNE PRISE OU UNE BALLE? C'est ce que devait décider Tim Matuzewski, conseiller municipal à Greenfield Park, qui jouait le rôle d'arbitre lors du Mike Reid Charity Softball Tournament. C'était la 17^e édition de cet événement bénéfice.

COUNCILLOR CALLS IT AS HE SEES IT Calling the balls as he sees it is Greenfield Park city councillor Tim Matuzewski, who took a turn as umpire for the Mike Reid Charity Softball Tournament. This was the 17th annual fundraiser.