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## Niagara Insurance Hockey Tournament Gives \$27,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters & Camp McGovern

(Welland, Ontario), May 30, 2014. The Niagara South committee members of the Ontario General Insurance Hockey Tournament supported the local Big Brothers Big Sisters & Camp McGovern, with a \$27,000 donation on their monthly meeting on May 22, 2014.

The Ontario General Insurance Hockey Tournament is organized by a committee of local Insurance Brokers & Claims Adjusters and is the largest hockey tournament of its kind for the insurance industry. This year's edition of the annual tournament occurred during the final weekend of March of this year at the Fort Erie Leisureplex & Port Colborne Vale Centre, with post game festivities and fundraising events held at the banquet hall of the Clarion Hotel Fort Erie.

The Ontario General Insurance Hockey encompasses teams, sponsors and organizers from all across Ontario's vast insurance.

Beginning in 1981, with a modest tournament of 16 teams, the event has ballooned to a 40 team tournament, which for the past 5 years has raised funds for the local chapters of Big Brother Big Sisters and Camp McGovern (the camp in Elmwood, Ontario which accepts underprivileged children from the Big Brother Big Sisters program)

"This hockey tournament is such a fun, social break from the day to day for friends & colleagues in the insurance industry, but creating an event that raises necessary funds for such great organizations makes it even more special for our committee," commented Scott Maskell, President of the Niagara South Insurance Brokers Association.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara is the leading child and youth mentoring charity, facilitating life-changing relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential, both as individuals and citizens.

Camp McGovern was originally created to give underprivileged children the opportunity to go to camp. Camp McGovern takes only children involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs around Ontario and from local United Way member agencies.

"Our agency struggles annually to break-even and without the much needed proceeds from this tournament; we would not be able to fully provide the services that we do in the community. Thank you all once again to the committee and we look forward to next year's tournament," commented Barb Van Der Heyden of Big Brothers Big Sisters South Niagara.

*The Ontario General Insurance Hockey Tournament is a committee of representatives from the General Insurance Industry, who conduct an annual hockey tournament, as a fundraiser for the youth mentoring organizations, Big Brothers Big Sisters & Camp McGovern. For information about the tournament, please go to <http://ogihockey.com/>*

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