

# RAIDERS



## STICK IT TO CANCER TOURNAMENT February 2026 Newsletter

### ***WE'RE OFF TO AN AMAZING START, RAIDERS!!***

**The momentum is building!** We have raised over \$20,199 so far and it's **only February!** Let's keep on going and SMASH our \$100,000 goal!

**Did you know?!** The top 3 teams that raise the most money will receive pizza from Papa Johns, a sweet chocolate trophy and most importantly...**BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

**How is your team fundraising going? Have you reached your teams goal of \$750 minimum or have you exceed it?!** All proceeds are donated to Kids Cancer Care and your fundraising efforts make a HUGE & POSITIVE impact for families across Alberta.

From diagnosis through treatment and beyond, the needs of the whole family are met through every stage of their cancer journey. The foundation helps Alberta children and families by providing funding and programs in these key areas: Camp and Outreach; Research and Hospital; and Education Support and Scholarship programs.

### ***WAYS TO SUPPORT!***

We are always looking for corporate and community supporters, and we greatly welcome any contacts or suggestions from our Raiders Families. If you are wanting to provide a donation for our auction table, please email: [stickittocancer@raidershc.ca](mailto:stickittocancer@raidershc.ca) Our Wejet Raffle is now LIVE! Winner takes home a flight for two, click on the link below to purchase your tickets!



**Wesjet Raffle Tickets**



# FUNDRAISER LEADERBOARD

Here is the current fundraising leaderboard!

**1** Raiders BC2 Black  
**\$3,346.30**



**2** RAIDERS BC3 BLACK  
**\$2,665.00**



**3** RAIDERS BC 3 WHITE  
**\$1,721.30**



WE HAVE RAISED  
**\$20,649**  
SO FAR!

**WOW!**

**LET'S KEEP THIS FUNDRAISING  
MOMENTUM GOING ALBERTA!!!**

**THERE'S STILL  
TIME!!**

Keep your lead or steal a spot in  
the top 3!

[CLICK HERE](#) to see how you and  
other teams are doing!

# FUNDRAISING MOTIVATORS

We know that fundraising can be a challenge. Here are some ways to help motivate your team and share with them the importance of this tournament:

## CREATE MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

Set a weekly or monthly target for the team to reach and then **PROVIDE A SMALL REWARD** after a practice or game if they are successful. Be sure to send us a picture to feature your team in the next Newsletter!

## SEND REGULAR UPDATES

Provide your team with their fundraising stats on a regular basis. This shows them their commitment is paying off and the money they are raising **MAKES A DIFFERENCE** in the lives of those battling cancer!

## SHARE STORIES FROM KIDS CANCER CARE FOUNDATION

Put a name and story to the "reason" why we are fundraising for this tournament. Feature a **LITTLE HERO** in a weekly email to your team that they can share with their family & friends along with a link to their donation page.

[CLICK HERE](#) to meet some of our Little Heros.

Don't forget to email us with your pictures.  
We want to share this on our socials!

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**GAMES START  
ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 19TH  
FOR CALGARY  
TEAMS!**



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# MORE INFORMATION

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - Association Hours Available**

This tournament will take place over four days, at four Calgary Arenas as we host 30 teams! In order to ensure the 60 games we are hosting run smoothly, we need the support of Raiders Nation! Shifts can be picked up [Here!](#)

## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

You can access the tournaments schedule and details on the Hockey Calgary Website : [Click Here for Tournament Schedule & Details](#) When you open your Tier, the schedule button is located to the right, above the upcoming events section.

## **MEDIA RELEASE INFORMATION**

Please be aware Media and Sponsors will be taking photos and videos at this event. Photos and videos will be used for social media and marketing purposes. **If you do not wish to have your image recorded or photographed please inform the event organizers and photographers.** Email us: [stickittocancer@raidershc.ca](mailto:stickittocancer@raidershc.ca)

## ARENAS

## **U15 Players Supporting KCC**



**Vivo** 11950 Country Village Link, NE  
**Max Bell Centre** 1001 Barlow Trail, SE  
**Murray Copot** 6727 Centre St, NW  
**Crowfoot Arena** 8080 John Laurie Blvd, NW

Raiders U15 players volunteering with Kid Cancer Care



**kids**  
**cancer care**



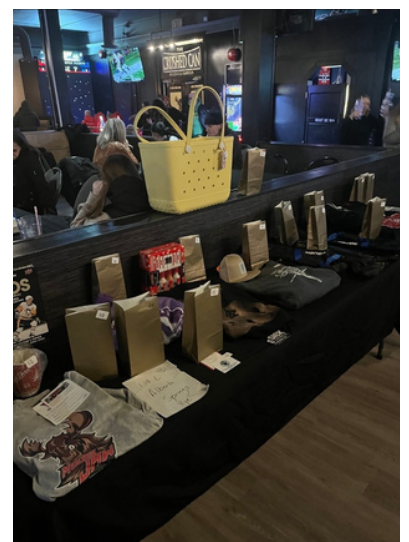
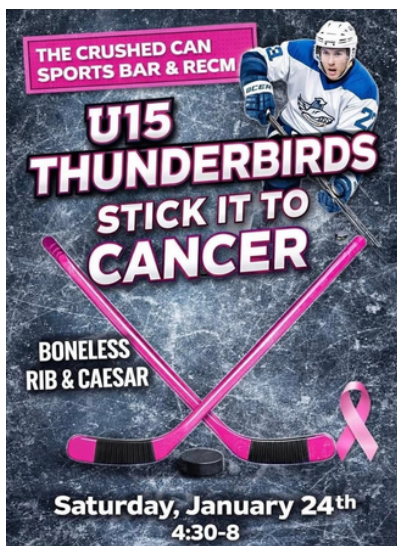
# FUNDRAISING IN ACTION!

## WAY TO GO MOOSE JAW THUNDER BIRDS!

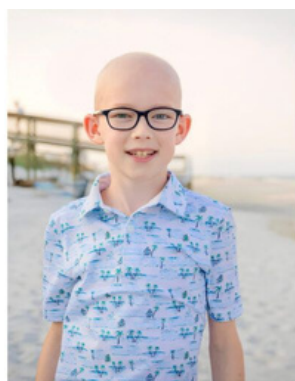
Sending a **SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU** to the Moose Jaw Thunderbirds! Your Rib Night Fundraiser looked amazing!

**Do you have a fundraising success story to share?!**

Please email us details and photos so we can feature you in our final newsletter next month!  
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# YOUR Support Puts YOU on TEAM EASTON!!



Easton was just finishing up grade four in June 2023 when he started experiencing neck pain and nausea. He'd taken a hit to the head from a soccer ball a few weeks earlier, so his parents Amanda and Jeff were worried it was a concussion. When his parents learned that Easton was also experiencing vision problems and seeing double, they were even more concerned. What they didn't know is that with morning vomiting, Easton was showing signs of a pediatric brain cancer.

After several doctors' appointments and a series of tests, including an ultrasound, X-ray, blood work, and an eye exam, the Moppett-Beatches were still no more knowledgeable about their son's condition.

One morning, Easton woke up with neck pain so severe it brought him to tears and later vomiting. His parents rushed him to emergency. A CAT scan, followed by an MRI, confirmed that Easton had a brain tumour. Their world shattered.

Within a week, Easton had undergone two brain surgeries to remove the tumour. They were intense, risky procedures as the tumour was dangerously close to his brain stem. A biopsy of the tumour revealed that Easton had medulloblastoma – an aggressive pediatric brain cancer. The tumour was the size of a golf ball.

"Words cannot express what it was like to wait during this time," says Amanda. "We held his hand in the PICU until the next morning at 9 am, just waiting for him to wake up, to talk, so we could finally breathe again."

Jeff agrees: "It was the worst news. We could hardly bear to tell him. Two brain surgeries in one week. It was almost unbearable for all of us."

During the second surgery, the surgeon was able to remove 100 per cent of the tumour. That was the good news. The bad news was that Easton could not move after the first surgery. That would mean another 21 days in the hospital, relearning to swallow, drink, eat, sit and walk.

Easton was barely walking again when they had to leave for Jacksonville, Florida where he received 30 rounds of proton radiation. Later that fall, Easton was back in Calgary, beginning a six-month chemotherapy protocol.

After more than a year of invasive medical procedures, harsh side effects, and intense fear and uncertainty, Easton finally finished treatment. Amanda recalls the day fondly: "He burst into tears as his class took a field trip to surprise him in the backyard, ringing bells to mark his last chemo treatment."

**That support meant everything to Easton, and with your support, Kids Cancer Care could also be there for him.**