



## **COURAGE CANADA HOCKEY FOR THE BLIND**

**“Bringing the blind to the ice, one stride at a time...”**

# Our Mission

Courage Canada Hockey for the Blind is a national registered charity that leads the development of the sport of Blind Hockey and provides children and youth with the opportunity to learn to skate and try Blind Hockey.

We work collaboratively with the Canadian Blind Hockey teams to grow the sport of Blind Hockey in Canada and around the world, and partner with district school board vision programs to organize skating field trips that inspire, educate, and empower boys and girls who are blind or visually impaired from coast to coast.

# Matt Morrow

## Executive Director

- 10 years experience in the Canadian Sport System
- 5 years as Participation Director for CBSA (2007 – 11)
- Level 2 IBSA Goalball Referee
- Event Director for all Blind Hockey Tournaments 2010 - 2013



# Mark DeMontis

## President, Founder, Spokesperson

- Legally blind hockey player
- Inline skated across Canada twice: Toronto – Vancouver 2009, Halifax – Toronto 2011
- Host of AMI's Sports Access
- Speaker and Social Entrepreneur



# Gary Steeves

## Vice - President

- Former President of CBSA
- Former Vice-President of IBSA
- Goalie for Vancouver Eclipse Blind Hockey Team
- 35 years of Blind Hockey experience – played all 3 positions forward, defence, and now goalie
- Social worker



# Francois Beauregard

## Vice - President

- Vice-President of Montreal Hiboux Blind Hockey Team
- Board member of CNIB Quebec
- Director of Wealth Management & Financial Advisor Richardson GMP
- CFA



# PRESENTING PARTNER



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# PROGRAM PARTNERS



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# OUR PROGRAMS

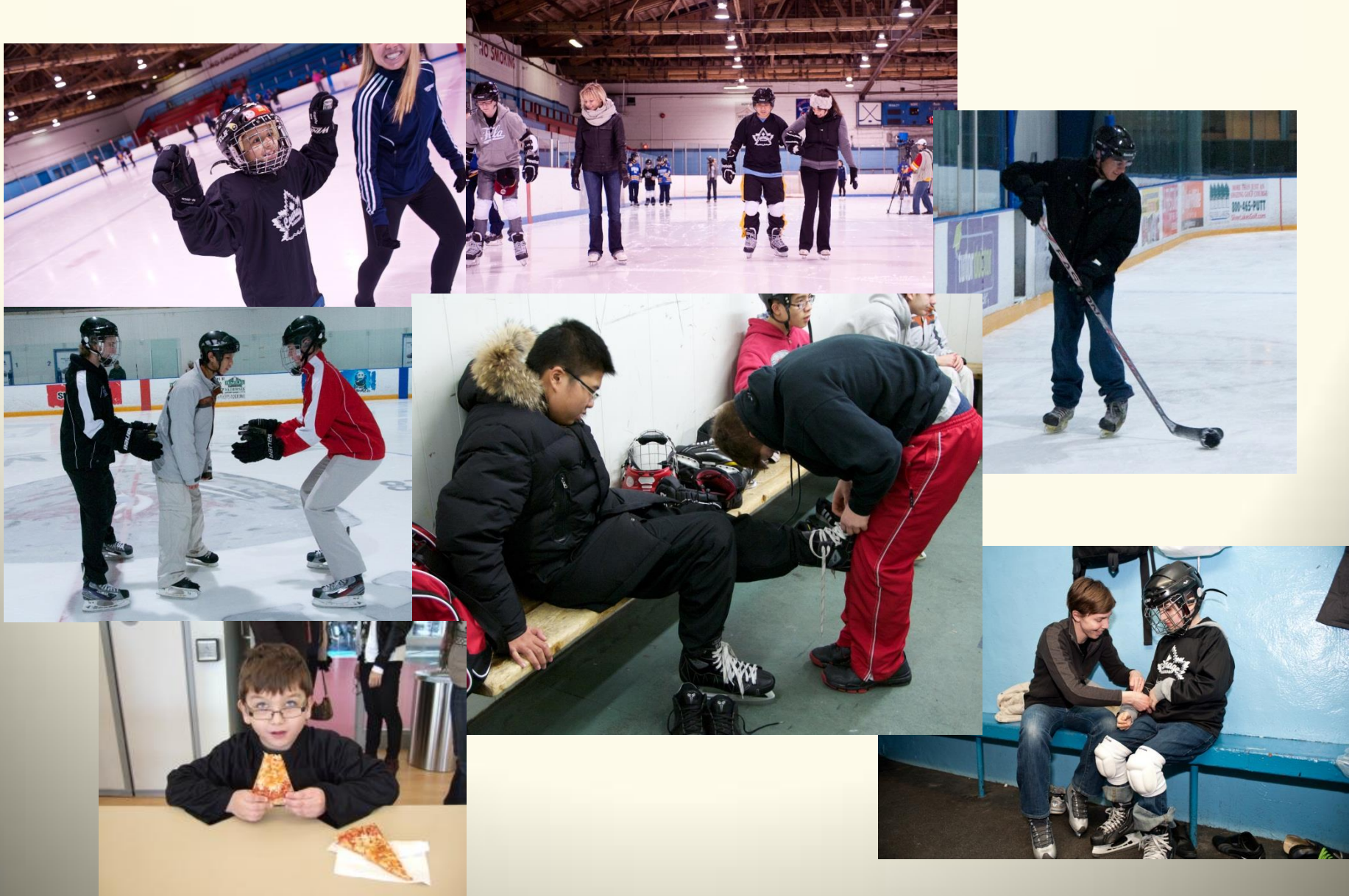
Courage Canada Youth  
Learn to Skate and  
Play Hockey Programs



Canadian Blind Hockey  
Programs / Tournaments



# LEARN TO SKATE AND PLAY HOCKEY



# YOUTH PROGRAM BASICS

- Annual 1 day field trip open to all students in District School Board Vision Program
- We work collaboratively with 1 primary Vision Teacher Liaison to organize program
- Representatives from our 3 partner groups collaborate with us and participate in the program when possible

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 8 – 20 students (programs average 14)
- Ages JK – Grade 12, ages 4 – 19
- Students receive a Courage Canada jersey
- We provide / organize skates, helmets, elbow pads, kneepads, gloves, sticks, adapted pucks
- We help organize 1 on 1 skating mentors (high school hockey team, University club, local Junior Club, private hockey school)

# PROGRAM GOALS

- Ensure as many Canadian youth who are blind or partially sighted have the opportunity to get on the ice!
- Inspire the students with Mark DeMontis's story
- Explain the sport of hockey / introduce the sport of blind hockey
- Engage community partners
- Provide a memorable learning experience for your students!

# TYPICAL SCHEDULE

- Arrive 9:45 – 10:00
- Goalball, Soccer, Floor Hockey 10:00 – 11:00
- Pizza lunch 11:00 – 11:30
- Off-Ice Workshop 11:30 – 12:00
- Sensory tour of arena 12:00 - 12:30
- Gear up 12:30 – 1:00
- Skate 1:00 – 2:00
- Depart 2:15



# 10 BC PROGRAMS

- Abbotsford / Mission, Burnaby, Comox, Chilliwack, Creston, Duncan, Kelowna, Surrey, Victoria, Vancouver
- 90 + students total!



# 2013 – 2014 Cross Canada Tour

- BC - Burnaby, Comox, Chilliwack, Creston, Duncan, Kelowna, Surrey, Victoria, Vancouver
- AB – Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton
- SK – Saskatoon, Regina
- ON – Toronto, Peterborough, Ottawa, Burlington, York Region, Oshawa, Kitchener, London, Windsor, Sudbury, Brantford
- QC - Montreal
- NS – Halifax

**27 + PROGRAMS / 400 + PARTICIPANTS**



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# Let's start some more programs!

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# Thank you

