



## BKRA IS GIVING BACK!!!

January 2011      **BKRA Charity Game (for Juvenile Arthritis-Mtl Children's Hospital)**

**\$600**

November 2011      **BKRA Charity Game (5 year campaign for the new Children's Hospital)**

**\$4,260**

To all our wonderful sponsors and supporters,

What impressive numbers. This year our charity game for the new state of the art Montreal Children's Hospital brought in \$4,260, well on the way to achieving, or exceeding, our goal of \$10,000. Thanks to our spectators, volunteers, online donations and our two super star ringette teams (BKRA vs. Pte Claire).

Our mission and commitment to the Montreal Children's Foundation is to raise \$10,000 in the next 5 to 7 years. Our first year into this challenge and we already raised \$4,260. Our new goal for 2012 is to reach [our golden number of \\$10,000](#) way before the 5 or 7 year deadline. I know we can do it because of the energy and support we received and felt from all of you!

Our very special and courageous guest for that evening was our new friend Alexa Fitzwilliam. Alexa is a spokesperson for the Children's and represents all the kids at the Children's Hospital that need our help to build a new hospital with private rooms, the latest medical equipment and where patients will receive the most advanced care. Alexa sent a strong message about giving and I'd like you to take a few minutes to read what she had to say:

Hi,

**My name is Alexa Fitzwilliam and I am 11 years old. Some of you may know me and some of you may not but today that doesn't matter because I am here to tell you a little bit of my story....**

**Before I begin, I just want you all to know that every donation and fundraisers like this one can really make a big difference. These donations can help save a life like mine and make things a little easier when you have to stay at the hospital.**

**During the summer of 2009, when I was 9 years old, I was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in my left wrist, which is a type of bone cancer.**

**The doctors had to take out the infected bone and replace it with a bone from my leg. The surgery was very long, it lasted over 23 hours.**

**I also had a lot of chemo and spent many days and nights at the hospital for over 10 months.**

When I slept at the hospital, I had to share a room with a stranger and there were no colors on the walls. It was not fun! But now, and I know for a fact, because of all the great donations, including yours, in the new hospital, every patient will have their own room with lots of color on the walls...

And that is just a start... So thank you for coming and have a great game!!! You may view her story at [www.pedalez.com/e/default.asp](http://www.pedalez.com/e/default.asp)

Children like Alexa are the reason we started these charity games. Kids like her are all about getting better as fast as they can so they can enjoy life the way they were suppose to. That's why BKRA chose to get involved and to **GIVE BACK!!**

A representative from the Montreal Children's Foundation, Stephanie Normandin, was on hand to present our President Rick Lee with a shovel. This is no ordinary shovel. This shovel will have our BKRA name in graved and placed permantly on the Montreal Children's Hospital wall of founders. This wall represents companies and association who are committed to raising donations to help build the new hospital



So if you do have to visit the hospital with your child, walk by the wall of founders and remember that BKRA supports you and hopes you make a fast recovery!

MANY thanks to our donors and volunteers who helped us with our 2011 mission! See you again next year.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Vachon  
BKRA Fundraising Director

The online donation site which connects to the Montreal Children's Foundation will remain open <http://www.fondationduchildren.com/en/calendar.aspx?id=380> once you click on the link you will be directed to [calendar of events](#). Page down to: **Ringuette Charity Game**