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Michaela Gosselin - Para Alpine Skiing



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND DIRECTOR

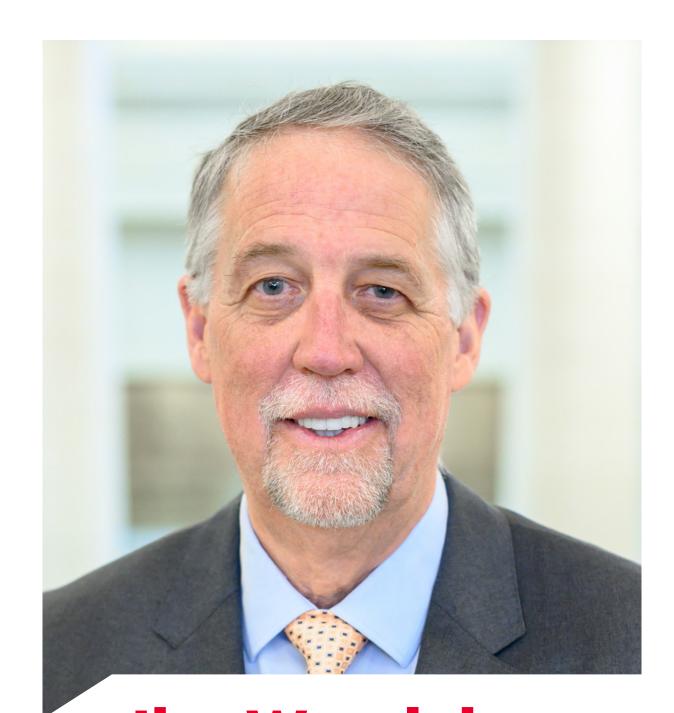


Para alpine skier, Mollie Jepsen, carries the Canadian flag into the Closing Ceremony at the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

2022 began with the Beijing Paralympic Winter Games, taking place only six months after the postponed Tokyo Games. We proudly witnessed strong performances from our Team Canada athletes, but it was once again a Games impacted by the COVID pandemic. The year ended, however, with a triumphant return to in-person events and opportunities to connect that have been greatly missed over the last few years.

While we are thrilled with the virtual events we were able to host and provide to stay connected throughout the pandemic, this past year reminded us that there is truly nothing that can replace in-person interactions. The ability for individuals to participate in Para sport, such as in our ParaTough Cup events, or to meet Paralympians and hear their stories firsthand, is what drives passion and what will be the catalyst in growing the Paralympic Movement in Canada.

We are truly grateful for the continued support of all donors and are honoured by the dedication of those who stuck by us over the last few challenging years. There are big things in the works for the Paralympic Foundation of Canada and we can't wait to share it with all of you!



Jim Westlake
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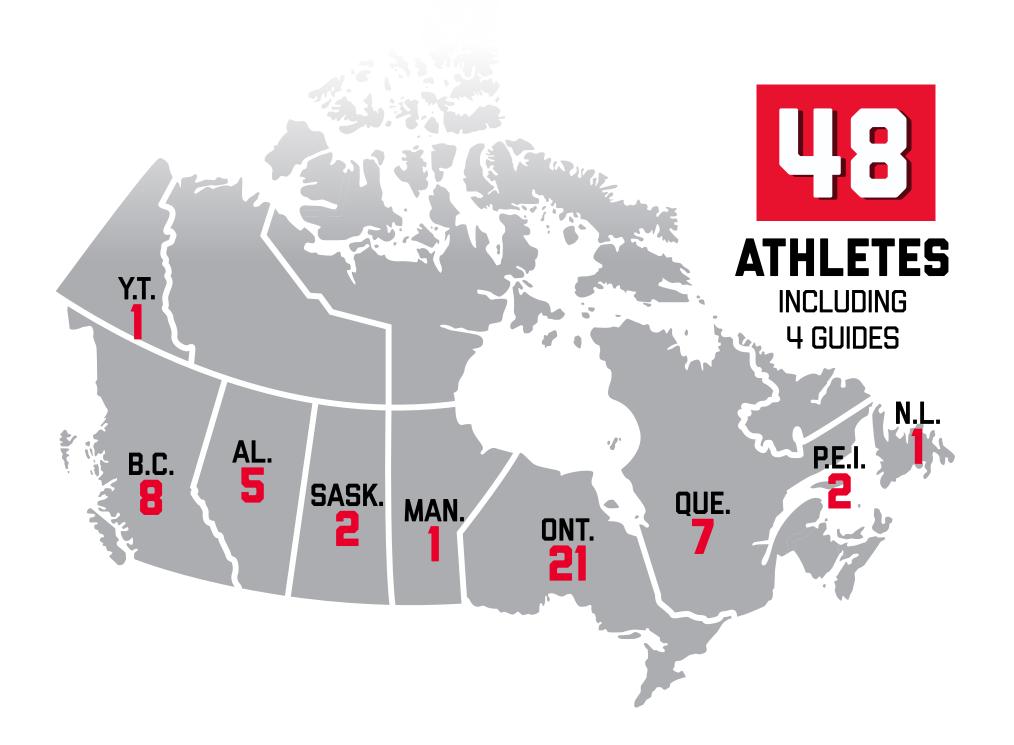
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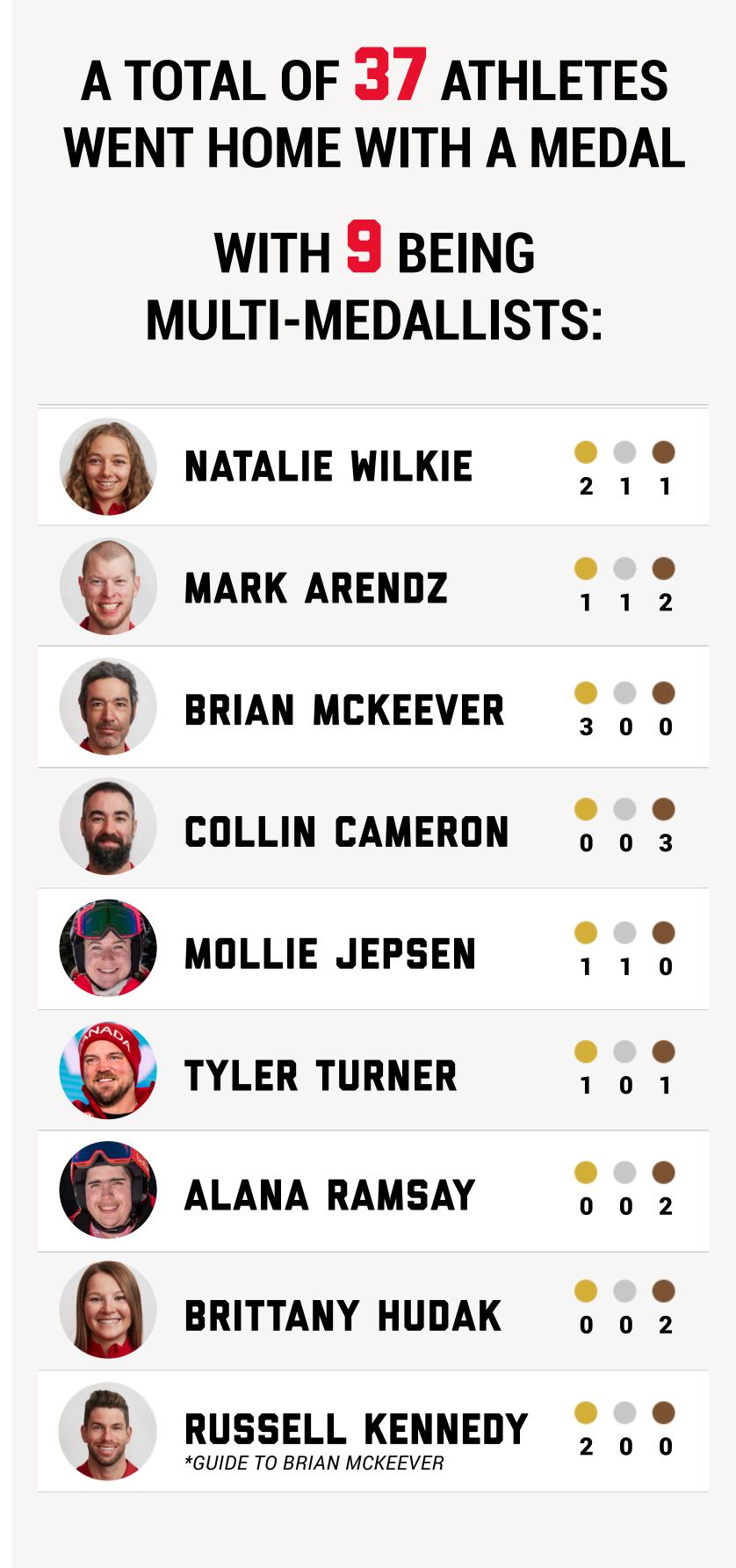
## RECAP: BEIJING WINTER GAMES

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM TEAM CANADA AT THE BEIJING 2022 WINTER PARALYMPIC GAMES

The Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games were held from March 4-13, 2022. A total of 48 athletes from across Canada attended the Games resulting in the country's second-best Paralympic Winter Games in the medal standings.



CANADA FINISHED 3 <sup>RD</sup> IN THE MEDAL STANDINGS						
1 China	18	20	23	61		
2 Ukraine	11	10	8	29		
3  Canada	8	6	11	25		

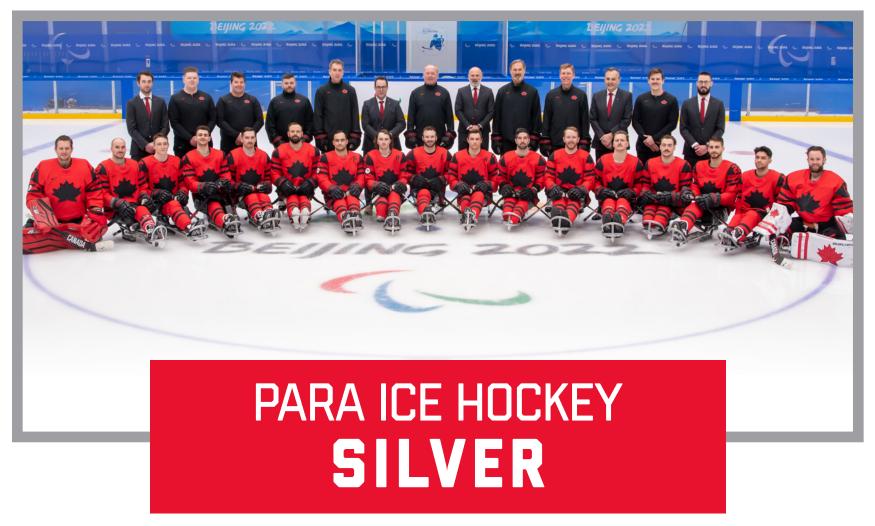




In his sixth and final Paralympic Winter Games, the legendary Brian McKeever further cemented his place in the sporting history books, winning three gold for a total of 20 career Paralympic medals.

Already Canada's most decorated Winter
Paralympian and the world's most
successful male Para cross-country skier
heading into the Games, he is also now
tied with German Para alpine skier Gerd
Schoenfelder for the most-ever gold
medals won by a male winter
Paralympian with 16.

#### **2** CANADIAN TEAMS WENT HOME WITH A MEDAL:







Members of Canada's first-ever women's wheelchair rugby team, Brianna

Hennessy (left) and Jessica Kruger (right), train for the Women's Cup.

Photo credit: Daniel Zappe.



# PARALYMPIC SPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2022, the Paralympic Foundation of Canada provided \$200,000 to the Paralympic Sport Development Fund (PSDF) which supported 19 local, regional, and provincial organizations. This funded various projects to further develop Para sport pathways and opportunities for Para athletes such as purchasing adaptive equipment, building coaching capacities, establishing new programming, recruiting new athletes, and providing competition opportunities. Here are highlights from a few of the grant recipients:

#### BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION (BCWSA)



The Paralympic Sport Development Fund was instrumental in helping BCWSA launch our development wheelchair rugby series in 2022 and was the catalyst for a Canadian Women's Wheelchair Rugby Team to be fielded to attend the 2023 Women's Cup in Paris. Wheelchair rugby is a co-ed sport; yet historically there has been little representation of female athletes and coaches from the grassroots to the high-performance stage. BCWSA recognized this gap and applied for funding to not only support athletes and coaches in attending Canada's first international competition dedicated to female wheelchair rugby athletes, but to create a space where new and current female athletes could see themselves excelling in the sport while creating a social network with their peers that is so critical for individuals with a disability. This historic moment in Canadian wheelchair rugby would not have happened without the support of donors and the Paralympic Sport Development Fund. We thank you for helping us make history and are excited to see the continued growth of female wheelchair rugby participation in BC, and Canada, with your support!

- JACKIE PATATAS, PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

# WOMEN'S PARA HOCKEY OF CANADA

# ONTARIO CYCLING





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The support from the Paralympic Foundation of Canada and the Paralympic Sport Development Fund towards the (Re)igniting the Spark project has greatly enhanced what Women's Para Hockey of Canada is able to offer to girls and women+ looking to get involved in the sport of Para hockey. Not only has this funding created opportunities for coaches to become trained and new women to get exposed to the sport but also has generated excitement around the Team Canada locker room for our national level athletes. The women are looking forward to a season where they get to meet new and ongoing supporters of the women's game and help to leave a lasting impression on all of the communities we visit.

- JANICE COULTER, PRESIDENT



The support from the Paralympic Sport Development Fund has not only allowed us to host training camps and sport science education workshops for aspiring Para cyclists but we have also been able to host Para cycling exposure opportunities for all individuals interested in cycling. Additionally, these initiatives have assisted in recruiting new coaches interested in learning about Para cycling, helping build capacity for increased programming. Ontario Cycling is extremely grateful for the continued support we have received from the PSDF and the opportunities it has created for Para athletes in Ontario.

- MICHAEL SURACI SPORT PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR





# PARALYMPIC HOPEFUL ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

LEANNE TAYLOR - PARA TRIATHLON

In 2018, at the age of 25, Leanne Taylor was injured in a cycling accident, paralyzing her from the waist down. As part of her recovery process while in hospital, a counselor from Spinal Cord Injury Ontario paired her with a few mentors who matched her interests, which for Leanne was sport. One of the athletes that Leanne met invited her to observe a wheelchair athletics program. When Leanne arrived at the track there happened to be an extra racing wheelchair, and she decided to give it a try. From that point forward, there was no holding her back.

Leanne was introduced to Chantal Givens, Paralympian in Para triathlon at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Through her, she met her current coach who explained all the details of Para triathlon and invited Leanne out to a few training sessions. Only eight months after her injury, Leanne took part in her first Para triathlon race. She attributes this quick progression, in part, to the supportive nature of the Para sport community.

"I was intimidated by all of it at first. But the way the Para sport community is, everyone supports you and encourages you as you try it out. As a new wheelchair user, everything you do is new and having that community around you is so important."

Leanne continued her Para sport journey and recently had a breakout performance, finishing in fourth place at the 2022 World Para Triathlon Championships in Abu Dhabi. She has high hopes of placing on the podium at her first Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024.

Leanne describes the importance of funding, especially for individuals getting started in Para sport: "There's such a massive gap at the beginning. For my situation after my injury, I had to buy my first wheelchair, adapt my home, all of these different changes and big expenses. For a lot of people, it would be impossible at that time to spend money on sport or adaptive sport equipment. It might seem insignificant, but it can actually help you regain so much of your sense of self.

"Before I was injured, if people asked me... Who are you? What do you like? Sport and being physically active would have been a big part of it. So, to think that's not part of who I am anymore, to have it totally taken away, really affects your sense of self. For me, getting involved in Para sport made it so that I could transition from being an athlete in one way to being an athlete in another way, and I never had to lose that feeling of who I am.

THINK SOME PEOPLE DON'T FULLY REALIZE HOW TRULY LIFE CHANGING SPORT IS. FOR ME, IT GAVE ME ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM AND I JUST FELT BETTER WHEN I STARTED TRAINING AND PARTICIPATING IN PARA SPORT. PARA SPORT PUTS PEOPLE IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CAN TAKE A NEGATIVE SITUATION AND FIND THEMSELVES AGAIN. FUNDING THAT HELPS PROVIDE EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PARA SPORT TRULY CHANGES PEOPLE.

— LEANNE TAYLOR





## PARALYMPIC HOPEFUL ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

#### JOELLE GUÉRETTE - BOCCIA

Aspiring Paralympians can be any age, as demonstrated by 52-year-old Joelle Guérette. Joelle is a member of the Canadian national boccia team and competes in the BC3 class in which players use a ramp and guide the ball with a pointer on their head to aim their shots.

Joelle was born with Segawa Syndrome, a rare genetic movement disorder. Approximately seven years ago, Joelle decided to become a boccia player, a sport that demands intense focus. She has been unstoppable ever since.

"Joelle wanted a sport to get her out of the house. At first, she joined boccia for the social aspect, to meet other people with a similar disability and make friends," says Jonathan Manseau, Joelle's performance partner for the past five years, who also acts as her interpreter as Joelle is nonverbal. "The sport gave her a lot of confidence. She was good and recognized for something. She knows she can compete with the best and get better."

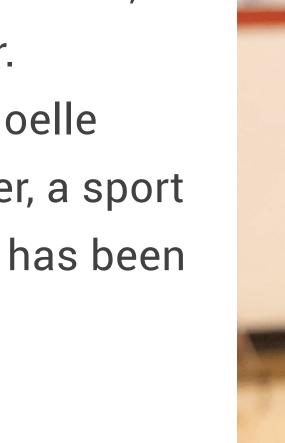
Joelle won the gold medal in the BC3 pairs category at the 2022 Canadian Boccia Championships and was a member of the eight-member squad at the 2022 World Boccia Championships in December in Rio de Janeiro. Her goal is to qualify for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.



Joelle Guérette, member of

Canadian national boccia team.

Joelle's performance partner, Jonathan Manseau, supports Joelle in competition.





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The Paralympic Foundation of Canada provided \$40,000 to support the Canadian Paralympic Committee's High Performance Equipment Fund. This was directed to Paralympic level athletes who were in need of costly new performance equipment.

Rob Shaw expresses his appreciation for this funding support:

AS A PARALYMPIC ATHLETE, YOU OFTEN DEPEND ON THE GENEROSITY OF OTHERS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS. I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE PARALYMPIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA HAVE ENABLED ME TO PURCHASE A NEW SPORTS CHAIR THAT WILL HELP ME ON MY JOURNEY TOWARDS THE PODIUM IN PARIS [IN 2024]! WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE, SO HOPEFULLY I WILL BE ABLE TO PAY IT FORWARD THROUGH MY ACTIONS BOTH ON AND OFF THE COURT.

> - ROB SHAW PARALYMPIAN, WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



# PARATOUGH CUP

#### VANCOUVER & MONTREAL



After a three-year hiatus, ParaTough Cup fuelled by Petro-Canada, the signature fundraising event series of the Paralympic Foundation of Canada, made its comeback at the end of 2022 in Vancouver and Montreal. Twenty-four teams competed in the two cities, raising nearly \$200,000 to support Para sport in Canada. The teams had a chance to experience three different Para sports – competing in wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, and Para hockey – as well as hear from Para

athletes in a Fireside chat. The athletes shared their stories during these Fireside chats and also coached teams at the various sport stations.

In Vancouver, ParaTough Cup Title Partner Petro-Canada came out victorious. Their fundraising efforts paired with their success in the sport competitions resulted four teams, raising a combined \$38,000. in defending their 2019 title and taking home the trophy once again. They finished ahead of Fasken in second place and RBC

(featuring 17-time Paralympic swimming champion Michael Edgson) in third.

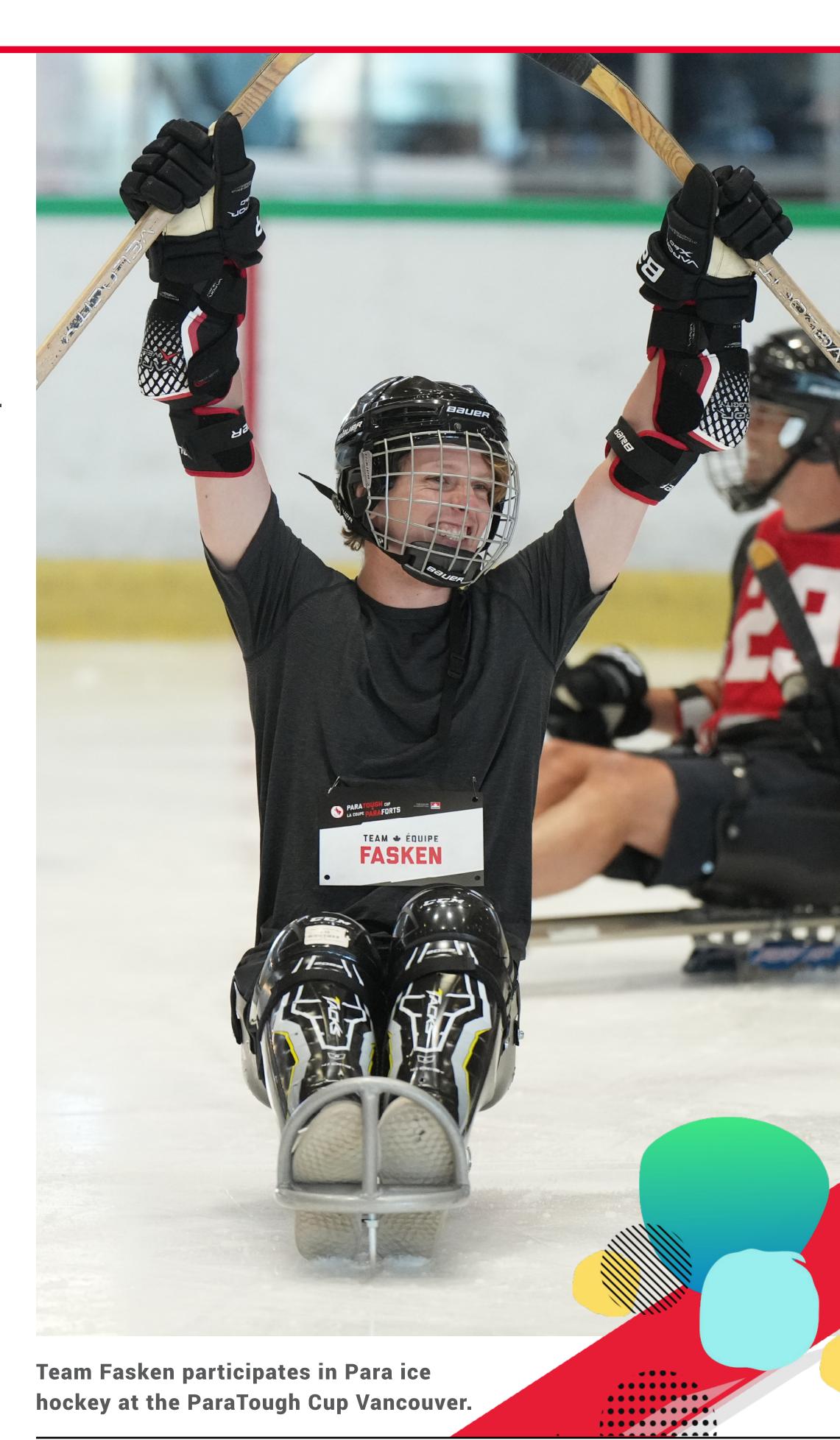
The Montreal event set a record in that city for the highest fundraising result from ParaTough Cup, raising a total of \$120,000. Fasken, the Canadian Paralympic Committee's Official Legal Partner, entered In the end, the Fasken – Droit des affaires team was victorious. Fasken - The Specialists were second, and McGill St Laurent placed third.

"This is my fourth time participating at the Montreal event and every year it's bigger, better, and more fun," said François Brais, a senior partner with the winning Fasken team. "We are pleased to contribute to Paralympic sport and it's also fun to have Paralympians on site to hear their messages."

The ParaTough Cup event series continues with events in Calgary and Toronto in March 2023.







# CAMPAIGNS AND PARTNER FUNDRAISING



#### BEIJING PARA 50/50

The Para 50/50 presented by Canadian Tire returned for the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. In partnership with the Canadian Sport Institute Calgary, the Para 50/50 expanded into Alberta.

The take-home Jackpot in Ontario was over \$28,000, while the take-home Jackpot in Alberta reached close to \$46,000!

Net proceeds of the Beijing Para 50/50 went to support programming and

grants for athletes at all levels – from the community, all the way to the Paralympic Games – through the Paralympic Foundation of Canada and Canadian Sport Institute Calgary.





Members at the MRTC were able to try out wheelchair tennis with the guidance of National Team Members.

# MOUNT ROYAL TENNIS CLUB - WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT

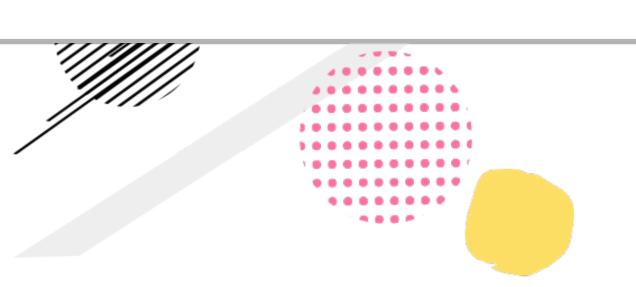
On the first Wednesday in June, former Paralympic Foundation of Canada Board Member Gerry Stefanatos and the Mount Royal Tennis Club (MRTC) in Montreal hosted a wheelchair tennis fundraising event during their first

BBQ of the season. Joined by several national and provincial wheelchair tennis athletes, members of the club were given an opportunity to try the sport for themselves. Thanks to the generosity of club members, the event raised close to \$10,000 in support of Para sport and Tennis Canada's Next Generation Wheelchair Tennis program.

# FASKEN ONE HOUR AT A TIME CAMPAIGN

For the second year in a row, Canadian
Paralympic Committee Official Legal Partner
Fasken challenged their offices across the
country in the One Hour at a Time Campaign
throughout the month of June.

Fasken partners, associates, and employees were encouraged to donate the equivalent of one billable hour resulting in nearly \$40,000 raised.



# CAMPAIGNS AND PARTNER FUNDRAISING





Paralympians Stefan Daniel and Morgan Bird joined the Shaikh family and guests at their annual Canada Day BBQ.

#### CANADA DAY

Paralympic Foundation of Canada Board Member Mike Shaikh and his family were thrilled to return to hosting their Canada Day BBQ in Calgary in support of Para sport in 2022. In addition to the generous donations made by their guests, the Shaikh family supported the fundraising efforts with a matching gift of their own for each donation that was made.

Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by Altalink also offered a matching pledge of up to 50%, resulting in a total of over \$50,000 raised.

# GOLFING FORE PARALYMPIANS

In September, 29 foursomes participated in the Golfing Fore Paralympians event hosted by Paralympic Foundation of Canada Board Member Jennifer Labrecque at Lionhead Golf Course in Brampton, Ontario.

The day concluded with a panel of Paralympians including Erica Gavel, Erin Latimer, and Greg Westlake discussing their experiences in Para sport and how support from events such as this impact Para athletes.

The event raised over \$21,500.



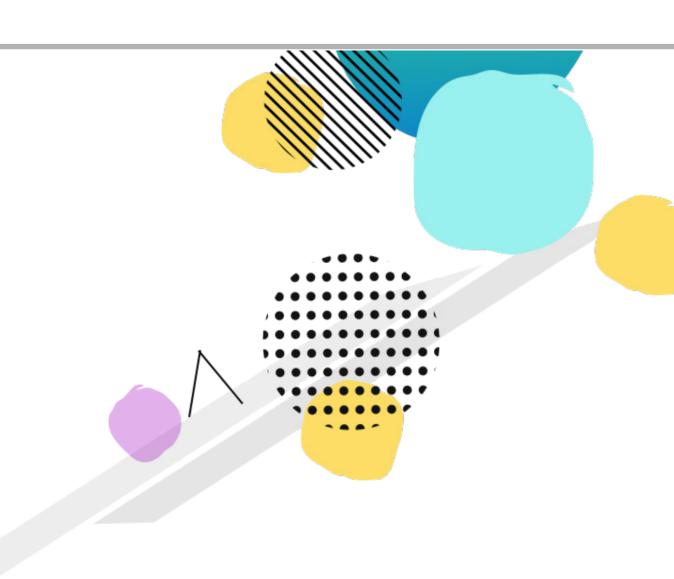
Golfing in support of Para sport in Canada.



Canadian Paralympic Committee partner EllisDon hosted an internal fundraising campaign in support of the Paralympic Foundation of Canada. The participation and engagement of employees in

the initiative demonstrated their commitment and passion for the cause.

Together they raised close to \$26,500 to help Para athletes achieve their dreams.







The Paralympic Foundation of Canada provides financial support across three main program areas:

#### PARA SPORT AND EARLY ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Sport starts in the community. By providing funding to community-based Para sport organizations, we're working to ensure that sport is available and accessible for all Canadians with a disability.

#### **NEXT GENERATION PROGRAMMING**

Next Generation programming supports Canada's aspiring Paralympians who, with support, will have opportunities to excel in their sport at national and international competitions including the Paralympic Games. Funding supports Canada's Next Gen of Para athletes through five key areas of programming: coaching; training environments; equipment; health and wellness; and sport science.

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT

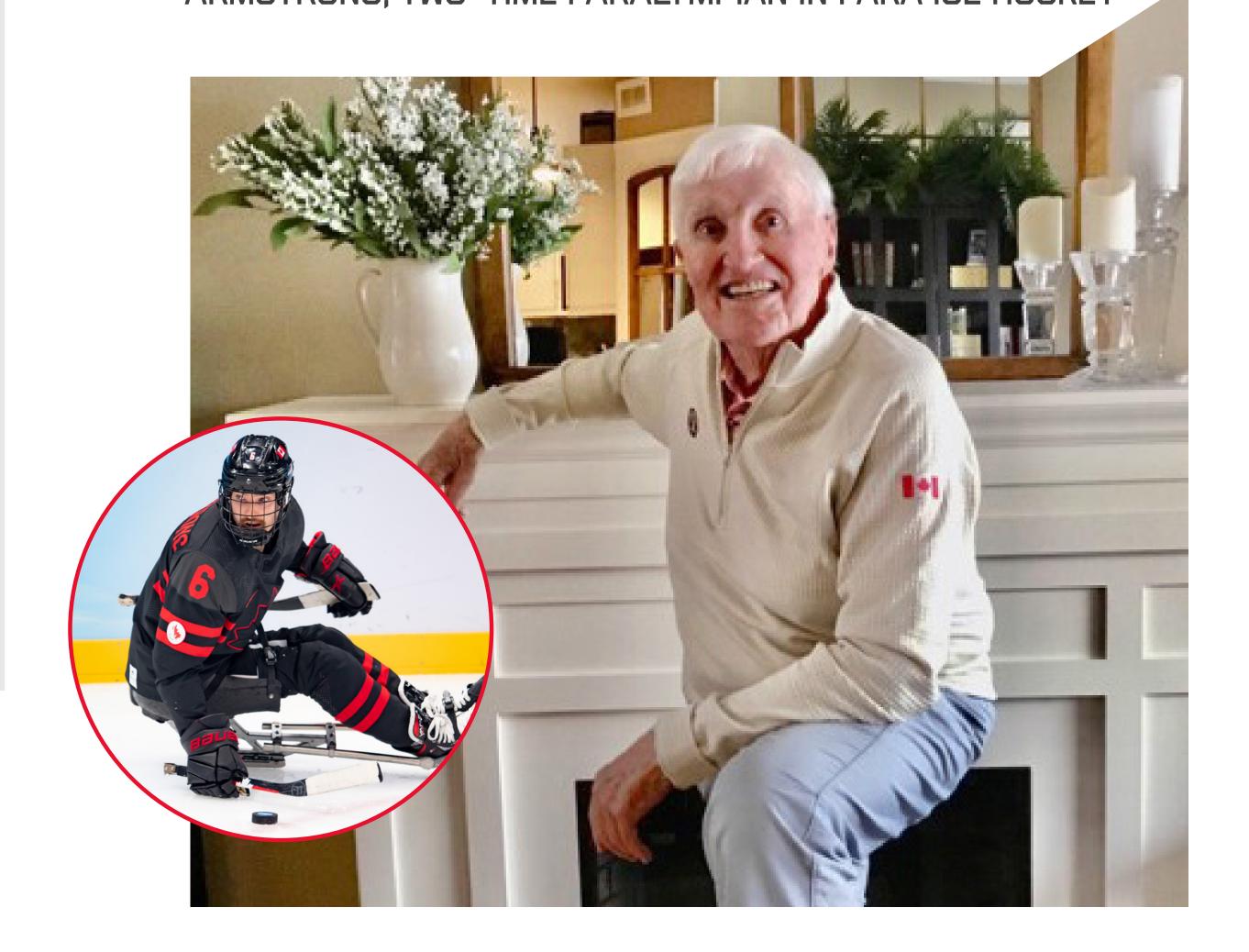
High Performance programming supports Para athletes who represent Canada at the highest levels. This funding supports the Para athletes who have the drive and talent to pursue their sport further and represent Canada on the world stage.

\*CRA fundraising ratio

\*\*All amounts based on the 2021-22 Audited Financial Statement.

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— NEVILLE HICKS,
PARALYMPIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA DONOR,
CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS MEMBER, AND GRANDFATHER TO ROB
ARMSTRONG, TWO-TIME PARALYMPIAN IN PARA ICE HOCKEY



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of every dollar raised is directed to the programs we support.\*

In 2022 the Paralympic Foundation of Canada received donations and support totaling:

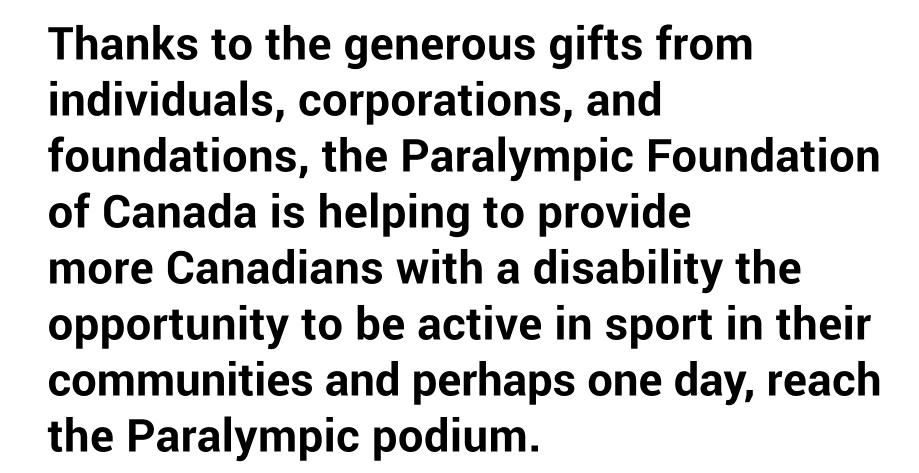
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Granted to the Canadian
Paralympic Committee to support
early athlete development,
Next Generation athlete programs,
and high performance.

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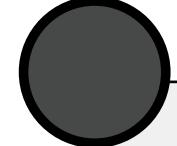






#### **Meet the Circle** of Champions

Circle of Champions members are generous individuals who have donated \$1,000 or more through their lifetime giving to ensure that together, we can make a profound and lasting impact on Para sport in Canada.



## \$1 MILLION HALL OF CHAMPIONS

**Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities** 

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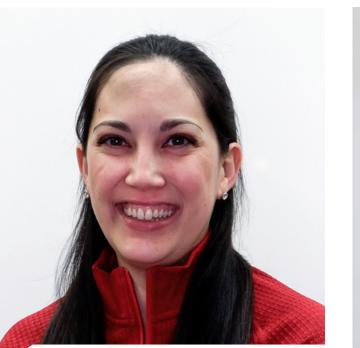
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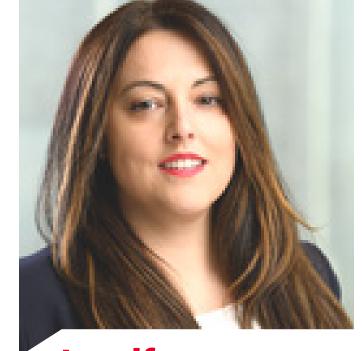
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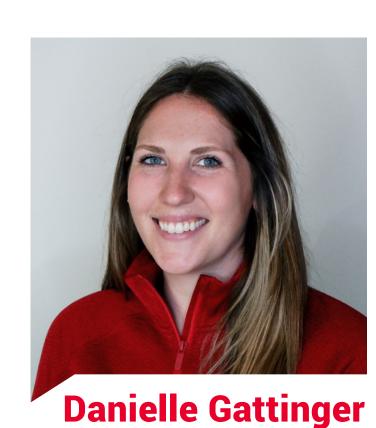
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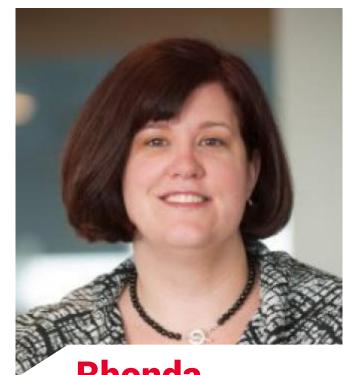
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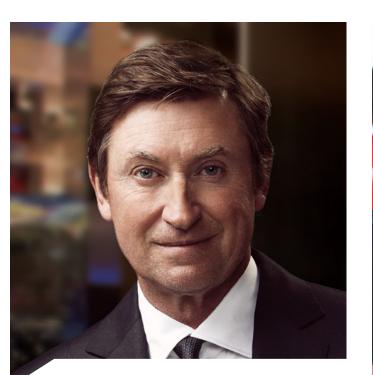


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