



*"Individuals play the game,
but teams beat the odds"*

– Navy Seals



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**ADAPTIVE FLOOR HOCKEY
PROGRAM**



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The Shjon Podein Children's Foundation saw a group of children who were unable to experience hockey due to physical and mental impairments. Therefore, we wanted to design a program to allow these children to enjoy the sport of hockey in their own way. It is our hope to grow this elementary adaptive floor hockey program (grades 3-8) into other communities throughout the State of Minnesota and expand to other states as well.

GOALS OF TEAM 25:

- Provide opportunities for physically and mentally disadvantaged children to participate in the sport of hockey at their own ability level.
- Add extracurricular activities for children with disabilities within their own communities.
- Design elementary school programs that feed into existing high school programs.
- Develop programs in communities that don't have one.
- Improve self-image and create a positive attitude in children.

As a means of introducing new children to the sport of adapted floor hockey, we conduct one to two week summer floor hockey camps in various communities throughout Minnesota. The children are given basic skills training, run drills and have daily scrimmages.

The camps give many mentally or physically handicapped kids, between 3rd and 12th grade, a way to experience a competitive sports environment for the first time. Perhaps even more importantly, it gives the older children who have played the game before, an opportunity to act as a coach, mentor and role model to the younger children.

In most cases, all the costs of these programs (equipment, jerseys, gym rental, coaches, and any special needs providers) are covered by our foundation and the camps are given free of charge. We have been told by numerous parents "This is the greatest thing my child has ever been exposed to, it's also the most fun he/she has ever had!"

WHAT DOES EACH CHILD RECEIVE:

All necessary equipment, hockey stick, puck, hockey jersey, coaching, and a fun experience!



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

As part of our commitment to donors, we have been diligent in reducing the costs for the program by staggering camps in order to share equipment between communities. Based on these efforts, our program now spends on average \$125.00 per child.

You Can Help By:

- Providing a full scholarship for a child (\$125) or any amount you are willing to give.
- Donating equipment to our programs.
- Helping with your time and energy by volunteering to help a team.

For Cash Donations:

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WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW:

We operate as a non-profit corporation registered in the State of Minnesota. Team 25 is a 501c3 organization with Tax ID#43-1990859. 100% of every dollar you donate to the Adaptive Floor Hockey Program goes directly to children – all overhead costs are separately funded by the Shjon Podein Children's Foundation.