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Hockey United - the Campaign

\$4,000 raised for Mattie Langley's future

When Mattie Dana Langley is born, around her mother Nadine's Sept. 16 due date, she will come into this world having had hundreds of friends already caring for her.

That was well evident Sunday, May 2, at Lakeland Arenas in Waterford, where about 200 people participated in a Matt Langley Memorial fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Her 34-year-old father died Feb. 28, of heart failure while playing hockey at Lakeland.

A group of friends of the long-time hockey player and referee staged the event to raise funds for the Matt Langley Family Education Trust.

Matt and Nadine, 29, had married last May and were looking forward to the birth of their first child.

"I'm so overwhelmed at the generosity, thoughtfulness and the caring everyone has shown," said Nadine Langley. "A lot of the people there never even met Matt.

It's so hard to imagine ever having to go through something like this. But they did this for Mattie and they were all there enjoying themselves - which is what Matt would have wanted."

Around \$4,000 was raised in the two hours, including a check from Hockey Has Heart and not counting the donation of ice and the use of Lakeland Arena by owner Urban Rice. A donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children was collected at the door and other volunteers ran a bake sale and a 50-50 raffle.

Hockey Has Heart board members Tony Nagorsen and John Castine presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to Nadine as the hockey charitable organization continued its simple mission of helping other hockey people in need.

Lakeland Arenas had not been open for a public skate on weekends since the late 1980s said Rice, since it's booked for hockey and figure skating.

"It's the least we could do," said Rice. "Matt played hockey and refereed here for years. He was a great guy."

Dr. Mark Stuart, D.O., gave a seminar on cardiology



William, 3, and Holli Page, 5, of Linden were brought to the open skate for Mattie Langley's Education Trust. Friends of Matt Langley seated from left to right are Tammy Sanbron, Carin Pobur and John Kemezis.



From left, Hockey Has Heart directors Tony Nagorsen and John Castine present a check to Nadine Langley and Clay Langley.

"I want to thank Dr. Stuart, the American Heart Association representative who was there, Lakeland Arena and Urban Rice - that was awesome of him for opening up Lakeland for this and all the volunteers," Nadine said. "And a special thanks to Hockey Has Heart for their generous donation. That was very overwhelming."

Nadine and her brother-in-law, Clay Langley, said that because of the outpouring of generosity they want to find a way of giving to others in Matt's name, too.

"We're going to try and put together a Matt Langley Scholarship Fund to help other kids with their education,"