

Fundraising report: Sherri Young, Fundraising Committee

-John Sands money. John Sands has been a supporter of Speed Skating for years and an Olympic athlete himself. He passed away in December following a battle with pancreatic cancer. We are honoured to receive a final donation from John Sands which will go towards the registration fees of any athletes whose parents cannot afford the fee.

- thanks to John Maurice for his inspiration and support over the years to keep this club going. This year, John continued to help by hand-delivering letters (prior to Covid lock down) with funding requests to over 30 local businesses. Funds are still coming in from that fundraising initiative and we will have to report next year on the outcome of this.

-Our beginner program is now called the NorthwesterTel Learn to Skate program. NorthwesterTel has signed on with us to provide \$10,000 cash per year for 3 consecutive years. On top of that, thanks to their sponsorship, we now have new skinsuits that are advanced in terms of personal protective equipment, and custom professionally designed by our friends at [Nagano Skate](#)

As you have undoubtedly seen, they look fantastic! NorthwesterTel also set up a fun photo shoot with Casey Lessard on March 11th and gave Rubik's cubes to each of our skaters. Photos can be viewed on our FB page if you haven't yet seen them.

Going forward, when you are posting photos of your kids in their skinsuits, please consider hash tagging [#OurNorthOurHome](#)

For those who don't know what that means, type number sign our north our home with no spaces anywhere in the post below your photo.
That's it for now, thanks all.