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R. JACK MIDDLEMASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

March 26, 2003 Waterloo, ON – Baseball Ontario announced the creation of the R. Jack Middlemass Memorial Scholarship for post secondary education at a reception March 25th in the Atrium at Waterloo City Hall.

The Scholarship was established out of love for Jack and inspired by Jack's love for baseball and its athletes. He was proud of every player and each one of their achievements. Jack especially delighted in seeing players mature to young men and - just as he always encouraged them to do - give back to the sport, many coaching and teaching their own young children and their teammates to enjoy the game of baseball.

In the spirit of Jack's desire to help others achieve, the fund assists aspiring young people in pursuit of post secondary education. In helping further their scholastic endeavours, the scholarship provides recipients with greater opportunity to excel in life and contribute to the community.

“This scholarship does not reward someone strictly on athletic ability or scholastic aptitude, but as an overall person with a desire to achieve without the constriction of financial resources,” said Randy Pickle, President of Baseball Ontario. “Baseball Ontario is honoured to be part of this day and with being charged with the annual selection of a suitable candidate for the scholarship.”

The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation will administer the donated funds in perpetuity and the income earned on the fund will be used annually to support the scholarship.

“The Foundation is pleased that Beverley Middlemass has selected us to manage the R. Jack Middlemass Memorial Scholarship which she has established to honour the memory of her late husband,” said Charles Ormston, President of the Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation. “Jack was passionate about baseball and the scholarship his wife has initiated will keep that passion alive by providing financial assistance for young athletes with a similar passion for the game.”

The Foundation manages approximately 37 million dollars in endowments among which are four other scholarship funds, one of which is for the Kitchener Rangers Hockey Club. “The R. Jack Middlemass Memorial Scholarship has found a sound financial home with an established means of dealing with athletic scholarship funds,” said Ormston.

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