



The Sean Ryan Children's Fund

January 5, 2009

Dear Tom, Bill and all members of the Port Credit Hockey Association

With the 2009 edition of the PCHA benefit hockey game approaching, both Carol Ann and I would like to take the opportunity to offer our fondest wishes for the continued success of this wonderful event. We would also like to take one more opportunity to thank everyone at the PCHA for the support and goodwill you have generated for The Sean Ryan Children's Fund through 11 years of staging this game on our behalf.

Advising you last summer that the Ryan family was unable to do our part in staging the game was a very difficult step for us. Working with you has provided us with our greatest memories of living in Port Credit. The benefit hockey game has given us a chance to meet hundreds of our neighbours and to feel a unique connection to our community. Beyond that, you have also given Sean a place in this community and nothing could be more valuable to Carol Ann or me.

We may not be active in staging the benefit hockey game this year, but we are still here and still very proud of the unique community event that you have established. Whether or not our fund is involved, I get the same kick out of telling people from other towns about this game. No matter where they live, their reaction is always the same: How great it would be if they could have that kind of experience in their own town. This kind of "home-town" gathering of 1000 or so friends and neighbours simply doesn't happen in other places. We hope that everyone in Port Credit or associated with the PCHA sees what a rare thing they have here and that they do all they can to support it. We certainly will.

With our deepest gratitude

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ryan".

Steve Ryan