



“CHEERS FOR CHUCK”

EVENT HONORING COACH CHUCK RAHN



Anyone who has been a part of youth hockey can agree that your teammates and coaches become part of your family. The week night practices, the countless weekend games and tournaments allow for a bond between coaches and players that is like no other. Most youth hockey players love their coaches and they never forget them, but they move on to the next season to their new team and the next coach. Coach Chuck Rahn is definitely the exception. He is the coach you want the next season and compare every other coach to him. Coach Chuck has been coaching youth hockey in Illinois for 28 years, when his 2 sons began to skate. He coached their teams from mite to midget, and when their careers ended, his passion for coaching did not. He not only coached boys youth hockey teams, but he has also coached the girls. Coach Chuck's passion for hockey and coaching flows over into the players he works with. He is a positive coach who motivates his players with his animated hand gestures and his encouraging words that leave his voice raspy every time he coaches, without ever once swearing or cursing. Coach Chuck is loved by everyone he's ever coached, and is certainly never forgotten as the players move on to different teams. He is the coach that families want to coach their kids.

During tryouts for the 2015 hockey season, Coach Chuck fell ill and was taken to the hospital and through tests they found a lesion on his brain. Along with the Rahn family, we remained positive that the results of surgery would be good. Surgery went well as the doctors removed a tumor the size of a hockey puck and within four days Chuck returned to the place he loves most, the rink, to show his players that he was ok and everything would be fine. Chuck was so positive and assured everyone that he felt great and that he would get through this. He showed off his stapled incision to the boys and everything seemed like it would be back to normal once Chuck was cleared to skate. One week later the devastating news came. Chuck was diagnosed with a glioblastoma stage 4 and it had metastasized. At the time, Chuck was 3 months away from retiring as a crane operator for Case Mechanic. Chuck had to talk to his Pee wee and Squirt teams and assure them that while he could not continue to coach them on the ice he would stand by them as long as he physically could. Chuck is currently in radiation and chemotherapy and is not going to give up. Chuck's wife Gina, his son's Chuck Jr and Anthony, his daughter-in-law Tara, and his granddaughter Amelia are his motivation to live, along with his passion to be a part of hockey as long as possible. Chuck still attends his scheduled practice times and games with his teams and encourages them from the sidelines. Chuck's wife Gina gladly allows him to spend time at the rink these days, as he loves to share stories with the parents of the days passed, and be around what he loves most besides his family.....hockey.

Please find the time in your busy schedule to come out and show your support to a wonderful hockey mentor, Coach Chuck!

Details

When: Friday, March 4, 2016 7:00pm-10:00pm

Where: Arctic Ice Arena Championship Rink
10700 160th Street
Orland Park, IL

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Events

- Hockey Games—(3) Games of 2-15 minute periods
- “Pucks for Chuck” (Chuck-A-Puck) between periods of each game
- Split-the-pot during each game
- 1 hour open skate for all skaters
- Raffle Tickets for purchase to win raffle prizes
- Guest speakers to honor Coach Chuck
- Original Six Bar and Grille will have full service
- Raffle item donations welcome, and will be accepted until February 26, 2016



Coach Chuck commemorative jersey

All funds raised will go to Chuck’s family and a donation will be made in his honor to brain cancer research.

Shhhhhh....It’s a secret! Coach Chuck does not know that we will be honoring him, but his family does. Help us keep the details from him as he is under the impression that he is going to the rink that night for a Vikings end of season event.