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## **HONORING LYLE “CHUMMY” MCDONALD**

Menominee, MI – Lyle “Chummy” McDonald passed away 15 years ago, but his memory and love of hockey has lived on in our community, particularly at this time of the year. Every March for the past 11 years, his family has organized and hosted a memorial hockey tournament in his honor. The goal of the tournament is comradery and to raise funds to support local youth hockey.

In 2010 Chummy’s family partnered with the M&M Area Community Foundation to establish a memorial fund which helps to offset registration costs for new players, or current players in need of financial assistance within the M&M Thunder Hockey Association. The Fund also provides a full scholarship for a week at Michigan Tech’s Summer Hockey Camp for one Thunder student-athlete each year. To date, the Fund has awarded 148 scholarships totaling over \$24,000.

Nancy McDonald, Chummy’s wife states, " Even though it is necessary to cancel our annual tournament again this year, we are committed to honoring Lyle’s legacy by continuing to help local kids play youth hockey, the sport he loved and gave back to. Not everyone gets the opportunity to honor their loved one in such a meaningful way. My family and I are very thankful that we are able to work with the Community Foundation and M&M Thunder to do this. We are again asking for community support in order to provide scholarships this year."

M&M Thunder Hockey relies on community donations to support youth hockey players. Contributions may be mailed to the MMACF at 1110 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite L-1, Menominee, MI 49858, or made online at [mmacf.org](http://mmacf.org).

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