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S'port for Kids wrap up fundraiser

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A \$2 raffle ticket goes a long way when it's for a good cause.

The Richmond Hill-based S'port for Kids Foundation is wrapping up a fundraiser that is shaping up to be its biggest ever.

It has already collected more than \$80,000 dollars, much of which came from corporations, but a significant chunk is from Hillcrest Mall shoppers who bought tickets.

The raffle winner gets a \$1,000 shopping spree at the mall.

S'port for Kids helps youth from low income families join teams by collecting donations from individuals and corporations. The money also goes toward uniforms and practice facilities for teams in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

Alex Yuan, foundation chairperson and a local business owner, said he's hoping to reach even higher totals before the campaign ends in mid-November.

"We have never been able to get to \$100,000. I hope we can do it this year," he said.

The 11 board members of S'port for Kids are able to channel 100-per-cent of the cash directly to kids. It relies on donations to fuel every aspect of the operation.

"We have zero overhead, not even a postage stamp," Mr. Yuan said.

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Mr. Yuan, who founded S'port for Kids six years ago after noticing youths spraying graffiti in Richmond Hill, said every kid deserves to play sports.

"Kids are in the development stage. Sports teaches teamwork, commitment and self-confidence," he said.

The York Region News Group continues its relationship with S'port for Kids by sponsoring the drive again this year.

Those who bought tickets have to wait for grand prize draw Nov. 30.

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