



HAMILTON HURRICANES

WHO ARE THE HAMILTON HURRICANES?

The Hamilton Hurricanes are a not-for-profit amateur football team creating opportunities for young men to develop athletic and life skills. The organizations' Mission is to develop leaders, for the community and Canada.

The team started in 1963, and through the support of the community it has historically been very successful on the football field. Most recently in 2010, the Hurricanes won the Ontario Football Conference Junior Championship and were semi-finalists in the Canadian Championship. The team has also been successful in producing hundreds of leaders over the decades for commerce, education and municipal endeavours.

Players who have gone on to play for the CFL and Hamilton Tigercats include Roger Dunbrack, Nigel Williams, Paul Masotti and Dale Sanderson.

We rely on capital resources generated solely from our own

fundraising events and the support of local businesses. To operate the team requires an outlay for league, equipment and travel expenses.

COMMUNITY LEADERS—CASE STUDY

Your donation to the Hamilton Hurricanes is an investment in the future leaders of Hamilton.

The Hurricanes had been struggling against the Burlington Braves in the playoffs for a number of years when in 1972 a new coach, Fred Jazvac, was hired. Of the 41 players on the roster, 27 were rookies, many of whom were from European immigrant families who had sought out a better life in Hamilton after World War II.

Through determination and motivation, Jazvac led the team against incredible odds to the championship game in Saskatoon against the two-time defending champions the Regina Rams. Just to be able to afford the flight, the Hurricane

players stood outside of Tiger Cat games with steel cups asking for donations.

Against everyone's expectations, the Hurricanes played the game of

"While on the bus going to the game, Coach Jazvac had a fistful of telegrams that he read to us. They were from people in Hamilton who were wishing us well. The coach told us that we didn't come all this way to lose the game."

—Glenn Gibson, Canadian Champion and CEO of Crawford & Company International, The Americas

their lives and won the Little Grey Cup. Mayor Vic Copps and 5,000 fans greeted the team upon their return to celebrate the victory.



1972 Junior Football Champions