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Jordan Lions Arena marks 50 years on ice



Former professional figure skater and longtime coach Judy Troup (second from left) shared treasured memories with some of her original students (L-R) daughter Kim Troup, Paula Keon MacDonald and Sue-Ann Staff at Jordan Lions Arena's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday. McDonald - Photo

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For half a century, the Jordan Lions Arena has been a place where families have gathered to play and forge relationships that strengthen the community. And, it's been said, to skate on the best ice in Niagara.

Saturday marked the arena's 50th anniversary, a celebration to thank the Jordan Lions Club for helping get the facility built and the countless volunteers who have dedicated their time and expertise through the years.

"This facility has been a cornerstone of our community, bringing us together for sports, recreation and countless cherished memories," said Lincoln Coun. and long-time hockey coach Mike Mikolic.

Young hockey player Jacob Tawil said it best.

"It's been over 1,000, three-minute trips down to this barn which has literally been my second home for my entire childhood," Jacob said in a note that was read by his very proud dad, Hany.

"This arena has always been the place I can go where every other issue in life just disappears."

Jacob said there aren't enough words to thank the coaches and teammates for 14 awesome years.

"I can promise you there's no stronger feeling of family than I have with these guys," Jacob wrote.

Looking back on the arena's rich history, "we look forward to the continued impact it will have on future generations," added Mikolic.

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