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The Braeden Bannister Memorial Fund was established in 2020 with two goals: to contribute to the community of East Hants and to ensure that every school in East Hants has a life-saving AED. The Memorial Fund continues to be supported by the community working together to keep Braeden's light shining bright through volunteerism and acts of kindness. In turn, the Memorial Fund has supported the community in various ways, some of which include:

- AEDs donated to 8 East Hants schools
- Supported a number of local families and organizations through the Caring and Sharing Angel Tree Program, the Community Corridor Option for Adults (CCOA), the local food bank, as well as direct monetary donations to families in need
- Supported a number of local teams, including boys hockey, girls hockey, Unified Sport, East Hants Skating Club, East Hants Minor Hockey Association, T-Ball, Lantz Recreation Society
- Supported a number of local athletes with opportunities to pursue sport, including hockey, volleyball, cheer, baseball, dance, swimming
- Sponsored a number of local students for summer camps
- Sponsored a local high school student to visit a university scouting for hockey
- Over 50 HERH Memorial Bursaries graduates

The Braeden Bannister Memorial Fund is pleased to sponsor this Class of 2024 Memory Book and Braeden Bannister Memorial Bursaries to a number of Class of 2024 HERH Graduates.

Being humble means recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others. (Gordon B. Hinckley)



Always stay humble and kind – these virtues were exemplified by Braeden Kyle Bannister. He served as a volunteer junior firefighter and proudly responded to calls knowing he was making a difference in someone’s life. Braeden was a natural athlete who excelled in baseball and hockey where his passionate and persistent style of play earned him the nickname “Banny the Bull.” Braeden was a well-rounded student who balanced his hobbies and interests along with school. Braeden tragically passed in 2019 when he was 15-years old. He was respected and loved by his family and friends who endeavor to keep his memory alive through the Braeden Bannister Memorial Fund.



Puck drop at November 2023 HERH vs RCMP Community Hockey Game with proceeds supporting the Braeden Bannister Memorial Fund.

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