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**Baltimore Area
Special Hockey Inc.**

Home of the Baltimore Saints

Baltimore Area Special Hockey, Inc. offers an ice hockey program for both children and adults with a brain injury or developmental disability such as Autism and Down's syndrome. This program provides participants the opportunity to play ice hockey in an environment adapted to each of their ability. Special hockey is not only recreational but therapeutic. It emphasizes social interaction, self-reliance, concentration, and willingness to adapt to new experiences with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

“Special Hockey has been a great experience for Sam. We’ve seen significant positive changes in his posture, hand-eye coordination, muscle strength, and a wonderful boost to his self esteem. At first, Sam could skate only with the help of a mentor and walker, but by the end of the first season, he was able to skate independently with a hockey stick in hand. Our goals are to improve his comfort level on the ice and gain speed, improve his stick-handling ability, and participate in drills. He asks to skate almost daily now.”

Paul and Sarah
Parents of 6 year old Sammy



“Several children who barely made eye contact with me the first few times are now actively involved in the drills and practice. They look at me and the other coaches and smile. If I say their name and ask them to pass or put their stick on the ice to catch a pass, they do just that. I also see improvements in many players’ motor skills and coordination.”

Stacey L. Seidel, M.D.
Coach and Pediatrician

What is Baltimore Area Special Hockey?

Baltimore Area Special Hockey is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. We provide an ice hockey program for both children and adults with a brain injury or developmental disability such as autism and Down’s syndrome. We are the home of the Baltimore Saints teams and affiliated with American Special Hockey Association(www.americanspecialhockey.org) and USA Hockey (www.usahockey.com).

How many programs participate in the American Special Hockey Association?

Currently, 34 programs in the United States participate in ASHA. Also, there are 10 programs in Canada, and 2 in Europe, with many programs having multiple teams. ASHA hopes to have 100 teams by 2010.

Who is eligible to play with the Baltimore Saints?

Male or female children and adults, who are physically able to play but would not be able to participate in any other organized ice hockey program due to a developmental disability or brain injury are eligible. No previous skating experience is required. The coaches work with players to teach them how to skate at their own pace.

How long and when is the Special Hockey season?

The season runs 26-weeks from the beginning of October through the end of March with two one-hour sessions divided by ability. In April, there is an opportunity to attend an international tournament, held in alternate years in the United States and Canada.

Who works with the players on the ice?

USA Hockey certified coaches work with the players on the ice and are assisted by high school and college hockey players. Everyone who works directly with the players receives training through the American Special Hockey Association.

How will my contribution be used?

Your 100% tax deductible contribution will be used for ice rental, club equipment, and equipment and uniforms for each player. The time of the Board members, coaches, and other assistants is strictly volunteer.

“Andrew is starting on his fourth year in the Special Hockey program. His skating ability and eye-hand coordination have improved tremendously. The coaches are very patient with the kids and make accommodations to work at their skill level. Andrew looks forward to starting hockey each October and getting up every Saturday morning to get on the ice. He always comes off with a big smile”.

Chris and Adriane
Parents of 8 year old Andrew



“I’m good at hockey!”

“Ice hockey provides great sensory motor input. The movement of skating, the weight of the equipment, and the feel of the air provide organizing input that can help individuals. Hockey can also increase body awareness, hand-eye coordination, visual tracking and muscle strength.”

Elizabeth Baugher
Occupational Therapist of player