

# Playball! Sports program gives youngsters social and sports skills

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Health benefits and improved social skills are the goals of Playball, a non-competitive sports program for young children.

Playball! for 4-1/2 to 6-year-olds

is under way at the Lebovic Leisure Centre with a new session beginning in April.

Instead of learning how to play specific games such as basketball or baseball, children are taught basic skills, said Nicole Ongman, recreation/aquatics supervisor for

the department of leisure services.

Larry Green, who leads the program, begins by teaching youngsters how to throw and catch a ball and how to work co-operatively with other children.

"It is really taking off in Richmond Hill and Newmarket,"

Ms Ongman said.

Playball! lays the foundation for sports participation, Mr. Green said.

It is designed for children of all abilities.

Playball! works closely with the Catulpa Tamarac organization,

which is dedicated to including children with disabilities in recreation and sports.

For information on the next Playball! session, call the Lebovic Leisure Centre at 905-642-PLAY.

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## Caps raise cash for spinal charity

Boyd's Source for Sports in Stouffville has donated \$650 to date to Shoot for a Cure, which raises funds for spinal cord injury research.

Boyd's is one of about 100 stores across the country participating in the campaign by selling hats and hockey pucks signed by NHL players.

Canadian Source for Sports stores presented \$76,000 for spinal cord research to the program, which was launched last fall. Shoot for a Cure wants to raise \$1 million to support both the Canadian and American Spinal Research organizations.

Many Stouffville coaches have purchased the caps as raffle prizes to support local hockey teams. A number of hats are still in stock.

"The hats are signed and authenticated," store owner Ian Boyd said.

The money goes in to spinal cord research. With Stouffville resident Luke Anderson suffering from a spinal cord injury, it is close to home.

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 Dr. John B. Howarth, Pastor-teacher  
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 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 "Role-ing Into A Healthy Marriage"  
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 6:30 pm Evening Fellowship Service  
 "Acts of The Holy Spirit"  
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 Sunday, February 29th, 2004  
 We invite you to visit our services this week!  
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 Sunday School classes for the whole family at 10:00 am  
 Morning Service at 11:00 am  
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 Associate Pastor: Bill Thornton  
 Student Ministries: Jay Sandiford  
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 Children's Ministries: Sharon Russell  
 Counselling Services: Karla Kamerman  
 Sunday February 29th, 2004  
 9:45 am  
 Pastor Bob Flemming  
 11:10 am  
 Sunday School for all ages  
 6:00 pm  
 Fellowship Group in homes

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 34 Church St. N. 905-640-1163  
 Worship Minister: Rev. Robert Nightingale  
 Rev. Dianne Graves  
[stouffvilleuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:stouffvilleuc@bellnet.ca)  
**SUNDAY February 29th, 2004**  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 Baby Fold, Children's Worship and Youth Spirit  
 Everyone Welcome  
 Roast Beef Dinner Feb 29, 2004  
 Information & Tickets Call Church Office 905 640-1163

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 12184 Ninth Line South, Stouffville  
**Sunday**  
**February 29th, 2004**  
**McDowell Family**  
 7:00 pm  
**Village Auditorium**

Welcome to  
**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 6432 Main St. Stouffville  
 905-640-3151  
**Sunday February 29, 2004**  
 Guest Pastor  
 Rev. Cam Taylor  
 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday February 27th**  
 Congregational Annual Meeting  
 7:00 p.m.  
**Sunday February 29th**  
 Youth Worship Service  
 7:00 p.m.  
 "A Friendly Family Church"

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 The Rev. Robert A. Shields  
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 Sunday, February 29th, 2004  
 First Sunday in Lent  
 8:00 am Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
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 10:00 am Seniors Service and Tea.  
 e-mail: [christchurch.stouffville@sympatico.ca](mailto:christchurch.stouffville@sympatico.ca)  
 website: [www3.sympatico.ca/christchurch.stouffville](http://www3.sympatico.ca/christchurch.stouffville)  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**STOUFFVILLE-PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
**Sunday February 29th, 2004**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Service  
 Call Church 905-640-5696 for information  
 6853 Main St., Stouffville

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