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2010 CHICAGO JEFFERSON AWARD WINNERS

H. Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz - Chicago Blackhawk Charities



Rocky Wirtz was named chairman of the Chicago Blackhawks and president of Wirtz Corporation on Oct. 5, 2007, following the passing of his father. Mr. Wirtz has revitalized the Chicago Blackhawks organization and electrified the City of Chicago. But his selection as a 2010 Jefferson Award Recipient was made long before the extraordinary playoff run of the 2010 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks and was made because of his long-standing commitment to service and helping others.

Mr. Wirtz is involved with numerous civic and charitable organizations as well as being active in fundraising endeavors. A former trustee of Northwestern University, he established an endowment for visiting artists at Northwestern. Mr. Wirtz also is a trustee for the Field Museum of Chicago and a former trustee of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois.

His dedication and commitment to Chicago Blackhawk Charities is unwavering. Blackhawk Charities has donated millions of dollars to organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Cathedral Shelter, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, Misericordia Home, Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Fund, and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. It continues to provide resources to those in need.

Chicago Blackhawk Charities' historic partnership with Dreams for Kids, a worldwide volunteer-driven children's charity founded and based in Chicago, brings a generation of kids from the sidelines of life empowering them to realize their dreams. Mr. Wirtz and Chicago Blackhawk Charities support programs and institutions throughout Illinois that work towards creating a better tomorrow for the youth of today. Chicago Blackhawk Charities believes in: aiding those who are homeless, ill, abused, or otherwise at risk; treating individuals suffering from disabling effects of physical injury; promoting health, fitness and teamwork; repressing risk-related behavior such as drug use, gang involvement and crime; and facilitating positive educational experiences that illustrate the power of learning. More important, Mr. Wirtz and Chicago Blackhawk Charities act on their beliefs everyday to the benefit of thousands in the greater Chicagoland area.