



Inaugural charity fundraiser soccer festival

On March 7th 2008, Luca Schiavoni, a then 8 year old boy and player on the U-9 Lachine Boys' team was diagnosed with leukemia. From the absolute despair of hearing about his diagnosis, to the daily grind of treatments and medication, to slowly seeing improvements and the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel", he has been, along with his family, on a roller coaster ride of emotions.

Over one year later, Luca is now in remission. He is starting to fulfill his biggest wish during his year of treatments. That is, in his words, to resume a "normal" life as a boy. He has returned to school. He can now play with his friends. He has returned to the soccer pitch. While we are now living in a "new" normality, as he has to continue with at-home treatments and follow-ups at the hospital, as his father, I count my blessings every day that his wish is being fulfilled.

In Luca's name, and in honour of those boys and girls who have come before him facing similar challenges, we are launching the inaugural Soccer for Life soccer festival. This is our family's way of giving back to those who have given so much to us. Soccer for Life was coined in the hopes that this festival becomes one of the first, great experiences in a lifetime of thrilling soccer memories for young boys and girls who are getting their first kicks on the grass. Yet, at the same time, Soccer for Life is also meant to allow kids and parents donate money to charities in a fun, friendly atmosphere, and support boys and girls who are in a real fight for their lives.

The proceeds raised by the festival will go two separate organizations, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada, an organization spearheading research into cancers of the blood, and the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, one of the best institutions this city has to offer.

We ask that you please join us in the fun and register your team today. We hope to see you on the pitch, and make this inaugural festival a success.

Sincerely,

Paolo Schiavoni
Coach of Lachine U-10 M A Soccer Team, Luca's father



Soccer for Life Festival

- 7 v 7 Soccer Festival
- Guaranteed 4 games
- Duration of games: 50 minutes
- Festival is open to boys' and girls' U-8, U-9 and U-10 Intercity (A) and House League (Local) teams, in separate categories
- All games will be played at Soccerplex Catalogna, on both the indoor and outdoor fields
 - Date: August 29 and 30, 2009
 - Registration Fee: \$250
 - Deadline for registration is July 31, 2009
 - Contact: Paolo Schiavoni (514) 639-1443 (Coach of Lachine U-10 M A Team)
- The Festival is sanctioned by the Lac-St-Louis Soccer Association
 - For information: soccerpurlavie@gmail.com
 - Register now as spaces are limited

Proceeds will go to the
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada and the
Montreal Children's Hospital Fund





Inscription / Registration <i>Festival Soccer pour la vie 2009</i> <i>2009 Soccer for Life Festival</i>	
Nom de l'équipe : Team name :	
Catégorie (âge et sexe) : Category (age and gender) :	
Nom du représentant d'équipe : Team representative's name :	
Courriel Primaire: Primary Email:	
Tél. Residence: Home phone no.:	
Tél. Bureau: Office tel.:	
Tél. Portable: Cellular no.:	

Envoyer par fax au / send by fax to: 514-639-4701

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Envoyer par courrier/Send by Mail :

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Prière de faire les chèques au nom de/Please make cheques payable to:

Soccer pour la vie

Date Limite d'inscription : le 31 juillet 2009
Registration Limit Date : July 31 2009