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BOCCEING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

During YSU's recent Homecoming celebration, the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley hosted its first ever charity "Bocce Game of Hope Tournament" as part of the foundation's continuing series that raises money for chronically and/or terminally ill children on a local and regional level; all so that they may have the experience generally afforded healthy children.

Held at Cassese's MVR on Monday, Oct. 26, nearly 50 entries competed in the fundraiser, which raised nearly \$1000 bringing the total to over \$30,000 raised over the past three years. A variety of community leaders took part, including State Sen. Joe Schiavoni; County Commissioner John McNally; County Auditor Mike Sciortino; Northeastern Ohio Education Association (NEOEA) President, Jeff Pegg; YSU Health and Human Services Dean, Joe Mosca and the President of the MVP 20/30 Club, Chris Jaskiewicz of Valley Electrical Consolidated.

The highly competitive field, which had teams practicing for several months prior to the event, had the Anti-Romanians defeating Team MC for the title Custom Award Trophy. Team captain for the Anti-Romanians was Adam Tokash, general manager of the former af2 Mahoning Valley Thunder while the co-captains of Team MC (Mahoning County) included John McNally and Mike Sciortino.

The Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization. We remember that it doesn't matter who won or lost, it is the children who are the real winners at our events. The more money the foundation can raise for children, the more the foundation can help in one small way or another.

It's all for the KIDS!

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