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Kiwanis Field to Officially Open Saturday June 25th, 2016

Brantford - On Saturday June 25th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, members of the Kiwanis Field Committee together with the Grand Erie District School Board, federal and provincial officials, representatives from the City of Brantford and the Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School community will gather to celebrate the official opening of the new state-of-the-art Kiwanis Field outdoor athletic facility. After nearly six years of planning and fundraising, the Kiwanis Field is a reality thanks to the support of over 150 community partners and the project's gold level donors including the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, the Grand Erie District School Board, the City of Brantford and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Featuring both synthetic turf and an 8 lane rubberized track as well as permanent bleacher seating, a central press box, electronic scoreboard and light standards for night time use, the Kiwanis Field has been built to accommodate a variety of sports including football, soccer, track and field, rugby and field lacrosse. The new Field will also be suitable to play host to a number of profile events including Special Olympics and Para Sports.

Saturday's opening will celebrate a culmination of the extraordinary work done by the Kiwanis Field Committee, the Brantford Artificial Turf Fields Committee, the City of Brantford Parks and Recreation staff and the Grand Erie District School Board staff. The Kiwanis Field Committee would also like to acknowledge all those who participated in a series of public open houses and meetings that were held to gather valuable input from sports user groups and community groups such as the Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee.

As a truly community project built for and by the community, all are welcome to join in Saturday's celebration featuring appearances by the Hamilton Tiger-cats organization, photos with the Grey Cup, live music, games, free giveaways, sports activities, and a complimentary BBQ lunch.

"Kiwanis Field is an example of the power of several – where a number of groups or individuals agree on a common goal, work together to inspire others to join and build momentum around that goal, and ultimately achieve success," said David Dean, Chair of the Board. "The opening of Kiwanis Field commemorates the hard work of all involved and we look forward to the opportunities the field will bring to our community and



students.”

“The Kiwanis Club of Brantford could not be more proud to have such an outstanding project be our namesake,” added Crystal Glaves, Kiwanis Club of Brantford. “We look forward with great anticipation to the Grand Opening of Kiwanis Field as it marks the beginning of the significant positive effects and opportunities it will provide not only for our youth, but all members of our community.”

Mayor Chris Friel expressed his appreciation to all involved stating, “Saturday’s opening will commemorate more than a new field – it will also celebrate the community partnerships and resources that came together to make this innovative project a reality. This is a prime example of Brantford at its best and I’m so proud of what we were able to accomplish together.”

Quick Facts

- The Kiwanis Field Committee, through the support of several sponsors raised more than \$1.53 million
- Gold Level donors (those who contributed \$100,000 or more) include the Kiwanis Club of Brantford, the Grand Erie District School Board, the City of Brantford and the Ontario Trillium Foundation
- The Kiwanis Field effort involves more than 150 community partners and donors
- The state-of-the-art facility will feature permanent bleacher seating, a press box, electronic scoreboard and lighting standards for night time use
- The Field will play host to local, regional, provincial and national level athletic competition

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