



October 28, 2025

Dear community partner,

We are reaching out to you, our community partner, for assistance in raising funds to rejuvenate the track facility at G.D.C.I. Through your generosity we look forward to fully replacing the track and doing upgrades to the basketball and beach volleyball courts. With your help, we can make sure our students and our community will have use of the track and courts for many years to come.

The track and courts originally opened in 1978 after GDCI students and staff, with community support, raised the funds. For over 40 years, students from Huron county and surrounding areas, along with members of our community have enjoyed phys ed classes, elementary Regional Track meets, Huron-Perth Athletics, other school-run events (e.g. GDCI Colour Run) and many community events (e.g. Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life). These facilities encourage healthy activity, socialization and serve as ways for youth to build important life experiences and lessons. Quality outdoor courts are proven to be an excellent way to boost community pride and bring the community together.

The track and adjacent facilities have served the community very well but now need significant upgrades. About 20 years ago, the track was resurfaced but now requires a full-scale restoration due to safety concerns. The restoration and upgrades will include making all venues as accessible as possible and the total project will cost over \$600,000. We are off to a great start with fundraising and are about halfway to reaching our goal but we still have some work to do. Community fundraising events are currently being organized in order to increase awareness and generate funds.

Donations will be sent to the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) for charitable tax receipt purposes and then the funds will be returned to the Goderich Track Rebuild Project. Donations can be made by using the Canada Helps website. Here is the link to donate <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/132555>. If paying by cheque, please make payable to the Avon Maitland District School Board and send to Goderich District Collegiate Institute.

Thank you so much for your partnership.

Sincerely,

The Goderich Track Rebuild Committee

