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John RennisonMembers of the Cyclones hockey team skate with Tucker Patterson at Copps Coliseum Saturday for a skate-a-thon.
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Dozens skate with local boy at Copps Coliseum

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An afternoon skate for a good cause has raised more than \$3,000 to support a rare disease a young local boy suffers from.

The event, in honour of Tucker Patterson, was organized by the Peewee Cyclones and the Hamilton City Hub hockey league for Saturday afternoon.

Dozens of people came out to Copps Coliseum for the roughly hour-long skate, which also raised cash through pledges, donations and a raffle.

Tucker, 3, was also able to take to the ice with his family, leading the start of the skate-a-thon while being pushed around the ice by his father.

Tucker has Leigh's disease, a neurometabolic disorder that affects the central nervous system. The disease has taken his ability to eat, talk and walk .

All of the net proceeds raised at Saturday's event, which are still being tallied, will go to support Leigh's disease

Tucker, 3, became an overnight sensation in January after a Hamilton city rink staff member told his mother that wheelchairs were not allowed on the ice.

The incident triggered a story in The Hamilton Spectator and offers for Tucker of everything from free ice time to a chance to meet Don Cherry.