

## ***Immaculate Heart Central School Modified Football Team raises funds for Pink Ribbon Riders***

The Immaculate Heart Central School Modified Football Team, from Watertown New York , held a can drive on October 24, 2009 to benefit the Pink Ribbon Riders. Also in October, this team began wearing pink wristbands to support breast cancer awareness month.

This team of young men and their coaches, who are dedicated to being a team off of the football field as well as on, decided that they wanted to give something back to their community. As discussion of possible charities to support, some of the team members mentioned that they knew of an organization that provided financial assistance directly to breast cancer patients. The team decided that this was the organization that they wanted to help and helping Pink Ribbon Riders became their mission.

On October 29, these amazing young people and their coaches presented a check for \$405.65 to Pink Ribbon Riders on their own field, during half time of the last football game of the season.

Proudly accepting this check, on behalf of Pink Ribbon Riders, was volunteer Reata Patterson. Reata was with the team on the day of the can drive and says, "Not only was it inspirational to watch these young men work so hard on the day of the can drive, it was equally inspiring to be with them during their last game and to be asked by them to attend this game to accept the check from them on behalf of Pink Ribbon Riders. Being in the box and routing for them was a very fun time and it was a very emotional half-time experience.

I am very proud to know these amazing young men. Not only did they give of their time, they gave of their hearts. There is no greater gift that you can give to the world, then giving of your heart.....and these footballs players gave with all of theirs ! " Kudos, to the IHC Modified Football Team ! We are all VERY proud of you!

Submitted by Volunteer, Reata Patterson, New York

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