



UCT inAction

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West Michigan Patriots, CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets win big in the UCT Gives Back to Special Hockey video contest!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the West Michigan Patriots special hockey team, who won the UCT Gives Back to Special Hockey video contest and \$10,000!! The team's remarkable efforts at getting the word out about the contest through word of mouth, social media, and traditional media brought them more than 15,000 total votes at the end of the six weeks of voting.

"I speak for the entire West Michigan Patriots special hockey team when I say THANK YOU to UCT and congrats to the CCYHA team." said Patriots Manager and Vice President Marie Sly, upon hearing about the teams big win. "It was a fun contest and you guys were awesome!"

[Watch their video](#)

Congrats go to the CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets, who took second place and \$5,000! The team also did a terrific job of sharing the word and creating community awareness - which paid off in nearly 14,000 total votes.

Coach Chris Wenzke had this to say about the CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets



UCT CEO Joe Hoffman, right, presents CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets coach Chris Wenzke with a BIG 2nd Place \$5,000 check.

win: "Congratulations to WMSHA! Thank you to everyone who supported the CCYHA Columbus Blue Jackets. Thank you UCT for everything you do to support the American Special Hockey Association and special hockey in general!"

[Watch their video](#)

The contest brought in more than 47,000 votes and close to 4,000 new UCT Facebook followers. UCT is grateful to all the special hockey teams that submitted videos, everyone who voted, all our new Facebook followers, and all those who support special hockey and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Congrats to Racine, Wisconsin Council 337 for winning the UCT Photo Contest!

A big shout out to Racine, Wisconsin Council 337 for winning the October-December 2015 UCT photo contest! The council's successful efforts at promoting UCT at Peace Fest 2015 met every one of the judges' criteria. The council plans to donate their \$500 winnings to an area veterans outreach program, a community dinner, and a local food bank. Great job, Council 337!

Photos for the January-March 2016 contest are being accepted until Jan. 31., so send us your submissions today!

Remember, you may submit up to five photos per quarter, and you can email them to lfisher@uct.org. Try to make them photos of different volunteer activities or events, if possible. Limit group



shots to five people or less - and get good, clear photos of members volunteering or of individuals benefiting from your council's sponsorship.

For more tips, take a look at the photo contest flyer on the **Members' Area of our website at www.uct.org** under UCT Photo Contest.

Don't let your local council website become outdated

UCT has created semi-customized local council websites for those councils that requested it several years ago. If you have one of these websites, we suggest you keep it current, either by appointing someone within your council to act as the site's admin or by letting the UCT home office know about the changes you'd like to have made.

To check your council's website, go to www.uct.org and click on **Find a Local Council** in the left hand column. Click on the area of the map where your council is located, view the councils listed, and click on the link for your council's website.

We prefer that local councils maintain their own websites - and if you can create a Word document, you can admin a website using WordPress. Just contact us, and we'll send you the admin manual. If you need help - or if you'd like us to create a website for you - you can also contact one of the following home office employees:

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There's a lot going on with UCT that, unfortunately, doesn't always make the pages of UCT in Action or *The Sample Case*. You don't have to feel like you're missing out though. You can keep up on our activities and efforts by subscribing to the UCT blog.

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