

Cleaver-Brooks proves to be great corporate citizen

To the Editor:

"Cleaver-Brooks comes to the rescue of Stratford Youth Soccer"

I am writing this letter because I feel it's important that the citizens of Stratford and area are made aware of the generosity of some of our corporate citizens and in particular some of their employees.

As many people in Stratford already know, Stratford Youth Soccer introduced Micro Soccer this season for our four- and five-year-old players. Micro Soccer's main theme is to "Let Them Play" using small teams on small fields. Originally it was thought that plastic cones would be sufficient to use as goals, but a couple of weeks into the season it became apparent that the players needed a bigger target. In previous years goal frames have been made by students at Northwestern High School, but with the school year coming to an end, that was not an option in this case.

It was suggested that we contact Cleaver-Brooks to see if they were willing to help in some way. Craig Schlemmer, manufacturing manager, was contacted and without hesitation agreed to assist. Specifics were provided, production commenced and the goal frames were completed within three

weeks. Cleaver-Brooks donated the material for the goals and a number of employees donated their own time in cutting the pipe to size and welding the goals frames. Additional assistance was given in painting the goals before they were transported to the fields.

I would be remiss for not recognizing the help of Brent Mitchell and his employer Ulch Transport of St. Marys, in transporting the goals from Cleaver-Brooks to their destination, along with Schaeffler Canada (FAG) for allowing Stratford Youth Soccer not only to use their grass to play on but also for the use of their parking lot on game nights.

This year Cleaver-Brooks celebrated several remarkable achievements in industry including its 75th year of operation, almost 50 years in Stratford, along with production of its 10,000th deaerator from the Stratford plant. Just add six soccer frames to that list and you have an excellent example of a wonderful corporate partner with the community.

A HUGE thanks goes out to all involved from Stratford Youth Soccer!!

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