

### ***Pacific Northwest Champions raffle off the gift of flight.***

As the *first ever* Thompson Okanagan squad to win the Pacific North West Division of the Super Y league, the highest level of soccer the Pacific North West; our U-15 regional team is preparing to compete at the 2011 Super Y-League North American Finals from December 2-6 in Tampa, Florida. The estimated cost of competing at the Championships is approximately \$46,000, including travel and accommodation during the six-day tournament. A costly venture, the team has been on a fundraising drive for the past 2 months including a dinner dance silent auction, car washes and packing groceries at the Kelowna Real Canadian Superstore. A raffle for two flights anywhere WestJet flies was drawn Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. The lucky winner, Vernon chiropractor Dr. Michael Salmon, receives his gift of flight from Vernon based player Emma Byskov who sold the winning ticket. "It is all about supporting these young athletes. I did not buy the ticket thinking I would win but it was a nice call to receive" Dr. Salmon said after receiving his certificate.

Throughout the season, the girls proved not only their skill but also their strong work ethic and exceptional spirit and teamwork in defeating very talented squads from the Lower Mainland, to place first in league play. The team will meet squads from Wisconsin, New Jersey and Massachusetts in the round robin. Training has intensified with 2-3 coaching sessions per week and a weekly fitness session to prepare for the tournament. The team departs with WestJet from Kelowna on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>. You can follow the team's progress at the following link: [www.uslsyfinals.com](http://www.uslsyfinals.com). We thank everyone for their support. Last minute donations are welcome. Please contact manager Tyna Trefry at 250-765-0160 if you would like to support the team financially.



Vernon chiropractor Dr. Michael Salmon receives his gift of flight from Emma Byskov of the Thompson Okanagan Football Club U15 Girls who are headed to Tampa, Florida to compete in the 2011 Super Y-League North American Finals December 2-6. In the background getting ready to take flight are from left - back row: Haley Loudoun, Haylee Lakovic, Kiana Chuhaniuk, Kaisha Trefry, Paige Ralston, Kennedy Snape, Jodie Fedkiw, Katie Harding, Jenna Rever, and Cassy Lukey. Front row: Casey Loudoun, Haleigh Penner, Courtney Hemmerling, Dani Rivet, Ashley Stemler, Kira Lee and Paige Martin. The team Head Coach is John Hemmerling, Assistant Coaches Greg Lakovic, Jacques Rivet and Manager Tyna Trefry.