

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington Team Up with the Winterhawks for Second Annual Hockey Challenge

Day-long hockey tournament brings together enthusiasts, WHL pros and local celebrities to raise funds that provide a "home away from home" for seriously ill or injured children.

Portland, Ore. (February 19, 2020)—The Portland Winterhawks join forces with Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Oregon & SW Washington for the second annual 2020 Hockey Challenge at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum and Moda Center on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Ten local teams will raise funds on behalf of a Kid Captain who has stayed in one of RMHC's Oregon houses. The Winterhawks will take on the Victoria Royals following the tournament, along with an action-packed All-Star game featuring the top ten fundraisers playing alongside Winterhawks' alumni.

Winterhawks Alumni Include: Brent Fleetwood (1987-90), Taylor Peters (2008-13), Glen Seymour (1985-87), Ryan Thrussell (1997-00), Chris Rowland (1990-92), Joe Mohan (2012-13), Troy Mick (1985-89), Dennis Holland (1985-89), Randy Heath (1981-84), Jim Swan (1986-87), Roy Mitchell (1986-89).

Notable All-Stars include: Courtney Carnes (Buffalo Beauts 2015-16), Kyle Gustafson (Assistant GM and Associate Coach of the Portland Winterhawks), and Jason Nissen (Former WHL Referee).

Coaches: Tommy McVie (Portland Buckaroos 1961-66, 1972-73), Dave Kelly (Portland Buckaroos 1963-66, 1968-74), Ken Hodge (Portland Winterhawks 1976-2008) and Jim Dobson (Portland Winterhawks 1978-80)

"As a hockey player and Winterhawks fan, it was truly heartwarming to see the hockey community step up in such a big way to support seriously ill children and their families in 2019," noted Jessica Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and SW Washington. "We're thrilled to partner with the Winterhawks again for a fun, purpose-filled day on the ice."

Fans and families are welcome to join in the day's festivities which include:

- 8:30AM-2:15PM: RMHC Hockey Challenge Tournament
- 5PM: Portland Winterhawks vs. Victoria Royals
- 8PM: Hockey Challenge All Star Game

Tickets are available to the general public for \$17. Tickets can be purchased at: rmhcoregon.org/hockey.

Contributions to support families in need can be made to the RMHC Hockey Challenge or directly to a participating team at: rmhcoregon.org/hockey





About Ronald McDonald House Charities

RMHC provides compassionate hospitality, access to life-saving medical care, and a community of support to thousands of seriously ill or injured children and their families each year. Established as a nonprofit 501c3 in 1982, we opened our first House in Portland in 1984. Since then, we have offered shelter, comfort, and support to more than 35,000 families and provided a home away from approach that lifts the financial and logistical burdens families face when an emergency pediatric medical crisis occurs.

Our Mission

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington provides access to medical care, a home away from home, and a community of support for seriously ill or injured children and their families.

Learn more at: https://rmhcoregon.org/

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