



MEDIA RELEASE

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Top Fundraiser Says He Can't Wait to Play Alongside His Hockey Heroes

Steve Mattice says he's visited the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Emergency Department many times for stitches – including for hockey game mishaps. Let's hope he doesn't have any at the WDMH Foundation's first-ever NHL Alumni Hockey Game on October 14th!

Steve is one of several community members who have signed up to hit the ice with some of their hockey heroes. "It's pretty exciting," he says. "I grew up watching Wendel Clark, Chris Neil and Guy Carbonneau. Why not jump at the chance to play with them?!"

The event takes place on Saturday, October 14th at the Joel Steele Community Centre and Sam Ault Arena in Winchester. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the game starts at 7:30 pm. Proceeds will support the WDMH Foundation's General Equipment Fund. Other scheduled alumni players include Mike Krushelnyski, Todd Gill, Laurie Boschman and Gary Leeman.

"It's going to be awesome and it's for a good cause," adds Steve, who lives in Morewood and is a firefighter in Ottawa. He says he's played hockey since he was a kid, including a couple of years with the Winchester Hawks. He says fundraising hasn't been hard as others want to support this fun event to help purchase medical equipment for the hospital.

So far, Steve is the top fundraiser with \$2,440 raised and he says more is coming: "I hate to lose. I know it's weird but I have to be first. I set a goal of \$3,000 and I plan to surpass it!"

To qualify to play with these superstars, there is a \$150 registration fee (\$250 after September 15th), and players can either give or fundraise a minimum of \$750 more (a minimum of \$900 is needed to qualify to play). To register as a player and set up your fundraising page, visit: <https://bit.ly/wdmhhockey-registration>. Then get your friends and family to help support you in playing your dream game!

The more money you raise, the better chance you have to choose your preferred playing position. Players will also have access to a VIP meet and greet after the game. Space is very limited so register and start fundraising soon.

And if you just want to come to watch the game and take part in all the fun, we have a website to buy tickets. Tickets to watch the game are \$35 each. For \$100, you can purchase a VIP ticket that also includes a Meet and Greet with the NHL Alumni players after the game. To purchase regular or VIP tickets, visit: <https://bit.ly/wdmhhockey-tickets>. Tickets can also be purchased in person or over the phone.

Throughout the evening, there will be a silent auction, raffles, games, and a free photo booth. Graham and Lori Ball will have Triple B Canteen open if you want to purchase dinner or a snack. Local hockey

enthusiast Liam Maguire will be our emcee for the evening. Thank you to Jackson Events for their support. Please note that the NHL alumni celebrity roster could change.

If you have questions or wish to purchase tickets in person, please contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or jplummer@wdmh.on.ca.

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Cutline: Steve Mattice is ready to play!

NHL ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

Play along side Wendel Clark, Chris Neil and Guy Carbonneau
***Celebrity Roster is subject to change at any time.



JOEL STEELE COMMUNITY CENTRE & SAM AULT ARENA
577 Main St W, Winchester, ON K0C 2K0

Saturday OCT 14 2023
Doors: 6:30 PM
Game: 7:30 PM

Purchase Tickets: <https://bit.ly/wdmhhockey-tickets>
Register to Play: <https://bit.ly/wdmhhockey-registration>

To Qualify to Play:

- Pay a registration fee of \$150 (\$200 after Sept. 15)
- Raise an additional \$750
- 32 positions available

*The player that raises the most money gets first pick in the draft to play with or against the NHL Celebrities

Tickets:

- \$35 - General Admission includes access to the game
- \$100 - VIP Admission includes access to the game and the VIP Lounge for a Meet and Greet with NHL Celebrities





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