

## MEDIA ALERT: Hockey Helps the Homeless 2nd Annual Pro-Am Charity Hockey Tournament, Ottawa – March 28, 2024

March 13, 2024 – Shepherds of Good Hope is pleased to partner with Hockey Helps the Homeless for the *2nd Annual Pro-Am Charity Hockey Tournament* to be held on **Thursday**, **March 28, 2024**.

"We are pleased to partner with Hockey Helps the Homeless for the second year to raise money in support of people experiencing homelessness in Ottawa," says David Gourlay, CEO at Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation.

"Tournaments like these have been happening across Canada since 1996, and have raised over \$21 million, including over \$50,000 for Shepherds during the inaugural tournament last year" says Gourlay.

Ten teams made up of local hockey players will be joined by NHL alumni and **Megan Bozek** who played for the USA Women's National Team, and the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

Former NHL'ers include **Brad May, Jason York, Laurie Boschman, Chris Neil, Andre Roy, Brian** Skrudland, Shean Donovan, Shaun Van Allen, Marc Methot, Kent Manderville.

Net proceeds from the tournament will support people who access Shepherds of Good Hope services across the city. These include harm reduction services, supportive housing, meals, emergency shelter and health and mental health services.

"Hockey Helps the Homeless is proud to support Shepherds of Good Hope for a second year. We were inspired and impressed last year as the Ottawa community came together for the inaugural HHTH Ottawa to grant \$50,000 to Shepherds of Good Hope, and we are excited to be back once again," says Andrew Gucciardi, Executive Director at Hockey Helps the Homeless.

Hockey Helps the Homeless (HHTH) is a nationally registered charity that coordinates and executes one-day fantasy hockey tournaments where people of all genders get a chance to play with hockey greats while raising funds to address the needs of the estimated 250,000 people experiencing homelessness in Canada every year.

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All media are invited to attend the Tournament, Draft Night, and meet the pros and sponsors. Interviews and photo opportunities can be arranged.

## **EVENT DETAILS:**

WHEN: Tournament:	Thursday, March 28, 2024 (8am – 5pm)
Draft Night:	Wednesday, March 27, 2024 (6:30 – 8:30pm)
WHERE: Tournament: Draft Night:	Minto Sports Complex – Ottawa University, 801 King Edward Ave Sens House – 73 York Street, Ottawa Team captains will "draft" their NHL Alumni Player on Draft Night

**WHO:** Olympic Gold Medalists, NHL Alumni, Registered Players, Shepherds of Good Hope Volunteers, and Hockey Helps the Homeless representatives.

## **USEFUL LINKS:**

Team Registration Details. Sponsorship Opportunities. More Tournament Details. Shepherds of Good Hope.

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