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Hockey For Hospitals: Victoria Hospitals Foundation Teams up with Victoria Royals

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Victoria – The Victoria Royals have teamed up with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to create Hockey For Hospitals and raise funds for vital signs monitors for the Victoria General Hospital Emergency Department.

On February 21, the Victoria Royals will take on the Kelowna Rockets at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Arena. Funds raised through ticket sales and at the event will help purchase transportable vital signs monitors for the Victoria General Hospital Emergency Department. Medical teams use this equipment to monitor the pulse, respiratory rate, body temperature and blood pressure of patients who are being transferred between the Emergency Department and other areas of the hospital.

The Royals' mascot, Marty the Marmot, was onsite at Victoria General Hospital today to promote ticket sales for the big game. He was joined by Victoria Royals Senior VP of Sales & Marketing, Darren Parker, Victoria Hospitals Foundation Executive Director, Melanie Mahlman and Dr. Christine Hall of Island Health.

"We're excited to join forces with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to raise money for equipment for the Emergency Department. Giving back to the community is an important priority for the Royals and we're proud to team up with an organization that makes such a difference in our hospitals," said Parker.

Dr. Christine Hall gave a demo of the vital signs monitors and talked about the importance of the Emergency Department. "Last year, this Emergency Department cared for 51,000 people, including more than 11,500 children under 17. In addition, Victoria General Hospital is the adult and pediatric trauma centre for Vancouver Island. We're thrilled that the Royals want to help out in this way and improve care on Vancouver Island."

Every year the Victoria Hospitals Foundation partners with groups and businesses in Victoria to organize a variety of fundraising events in support of Royal Jubilee and Victoria General. Gord Macatee is the Board Chair of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. "Everyone benefits when we have access to high-quality healthcare," said Macatee. "Working alongside groups like the Victoria Royals helps bring attention to the needs in our hospitals and emphasizes that a gift to healthcare is a gift to all the members of our community. We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Victoria Royals and all the other groups who hold events on our behalf throughout the year."

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Tickets are available online at www.selectyourtickets.com/promo. Enter the code HOCKEYFORHOSPITALS and save \$4 on the purchase of a corner seat or \$2 on every club seat. The Royals will donate \$5 from each club seat sold and \$2 from each corner seat sold back to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation.

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island's two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Last year we raised more than \$10 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 765,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised \$107 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.