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**Hockey For Hospitals 2017:
Victoria Royals to take on Calgary Hitmen in support of Victoria Hospitals Foundation**

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Victoria, B.C. — The Victoria Royals have teamed up with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation for the third annual Hockey For Hospitals charity game at Save On Foods Memorial Centre. On February 4, the Royals face off against the Calgary Hitmen. The event will raise funds to purchase two specialized electric stretchers for the Victoria General and Royal Jubilee Hospital Emergency Departments. Each electric stretcher costs \$10,000.

Funds will be raised through ticket sales, 50/50 ticket sales on game night and the popular Chuck-a-Puck game which takes place at intermission.

The Royals' mascot, Marty the Marmot, visited the Victoria General Hospital Emergency room this week to promote ticket sales for the game and explore the features of the advanced electric stretchers. He was joined by Victoria Royals Senior VP of Sales & Marketing, Darren Parker, Victoria Royals President & General Manager, Cam Hope, Victoria Hospitals Foundation President & CEO, Melanie Mahlman and Dr. Brian Farrell, Victoria General Hospital Emergency Room Medical Lead.

Dr. Farrell pointed out that "all types of patients who come to the Emergency Departments will use the stretchers, everyone from critical accidents victims being rushed to the trauma room to patients being assessed in ambulatory care. The electric stretcher can weigh patients, which is important because in trauma and critical situations medications are given based on weight. We're so grateful to the community for supporting our hospitals."

"Any one of us, or our family members, could find ourselves in need of our emergency departments at any moment," said Hope. "Knowing our hospitals are equipped with the tools they need to provide emergency care to all members of our community is reassuring. We're proud to be able to help raise funds for this essential equipment."

In 2016, the Emergency Departments at Victoria General and Royal Jubilee hospitals saw a combined number of approximately 120,000 patients.

Discounted tickets are available online at www.victoriahf.ca/hockey/

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with Island Health 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 \$7 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 over \$121 million to benefit our hospitals.

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