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Hockey For Hospitals: Victoria Royals to support local emergency departments

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Victoria – The Victoria Royals have once again teamed up with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation for the second annual Hockey For Hospitals. On March 5, the Royals will take on the Vancouver Giants at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre. The event aims to raise \$27,000 to purchase three specialized electric stretchers for the Victoria General and Royal Jubilee Hospital Emergency Departments.

The Royals' mascot, Marty the Marmot, was onsite at Royal Jubilee Hospital today to promote ticket sales for the game. Joined by Victoria Royals Senior VP of Sales & Marketing, Darren Parker, Victoria Royals President & General manager, Cam Hope, Victoria Hospitals Foundation Executive Director, Melanie Mahlman and Dr. Christine Hall of Island Health, Marty helped demonstrate some of the features of the high-tech electric stretchers.

The Victoria Royals are proud to help raise funds for our local hospitals so that patients can be cared for with the best equipment available. It's gratifying to see the community and our fans step up and support our hospitals on game night. These stretchers are going to make a difference to a lot of people – you never know when you'll find yourself in the emergency room", said Hope.

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.

Dr. Christine Hall spoke to the volume of people who receive treatment in local emergency rooms. "Last year, the Emergency Departments at Victoria General and Royal Jubilee hospitals helped more than 108,000 people, including more than 14,000 children. Many of these patients will need a stretcher, and it's comforting to know our hospitals will have the most advanced equipment. We are thrilled to be working with the Royals again this year. When community members work together to help our hospitals the outcome always benefits patients."

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Tickets are available online at www.selectyourtickets.com/promo.

Use the promo code **STRETCHERS** to be entered to win a game night prize package: Box suite for six for the game, dinner for six at Bin 4 Burger, and luxury transport from L.A. Limousines to and from the game.

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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 \$114.5 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.