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Hockey tourney to help Nashua Children's Home

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There may be a new venue, but the heart behind the All Day Power Play remains the same.

The seventh annual 24-hour hockey event will be held from 9 a.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday at Conway Arena in Nashua and will benefit the Nashua Children's Home.

"Since its inception in 2008, All Day Power Play has been the top fundraiser for Nashua Children's Home," said David Villiotti, executive director at the home. "This year's event received a significant jump start via a gift of \$26,700 from John and Jack Hyslip of Credit Tenant Capital. The Hyslips view this as a way to "pass the puck" to a future generation."

The event began as the brainchild of Bill Dwyer and Paul Clark, who approached Villiotti in 2007 with a desire to help the Nashua Children's Home. The event, which uses the motto "if you want something done, ask a hockey player," was born.

This is the first year at Conway Arena for the ADPP, which had previously been housed at Cyclones Arena in Hudson.

According to Dwyer, Dave Walsh, one of the organizers of the event, was the driving force behind finding a new home when Cyclones was unavailable. The new venue means a loss of one ice sheet as Cyclones would have two rinks going simultaneously during past ADPP events. That also means participating players were trimmed down from approximately 70 in the past to 48 this year.

There are breaks in the 24 hour event to resurface the ice and catch a breather and some players are not able to play for the entire event, but the dedications level of the players involved is unquestionable.

"The players have demonstrated such a generous and committed spirit year after year. They each

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recognize that not only their fundraising, but their determination to skate for the full marathon speak volumes about their dedication to the children and staff of Nashua Children's Home," Dwyer said. "Hockey culture stands apart from all other sports, and that applies from the professional level down to the local pickup skate. You couldn't ask for a more caring and selfless group of people to sign on for a charitable event. Although we've had to cut our numbers back...our spirit is as strong as it was in 2008. Anytime you can combine the caliber of players, sponsors, and our amazing partners at Conway, you have all the elements for an enormously successful event."

The event is open to the public and people are encouraged to come out to cheer the players on.

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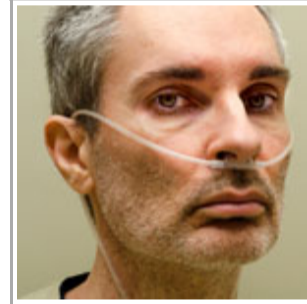
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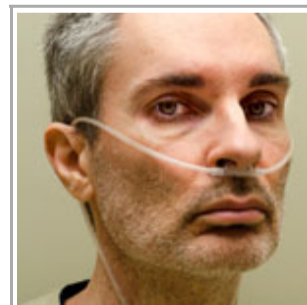
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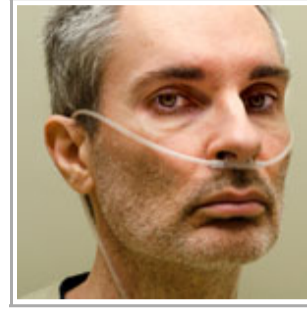
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