

## Boston Bruins Alumni Challenge MDSC All Stars in Benefit Hockey Game

On Sunday, November 23rd, members of the Boston Bruins Alumni hockey team strapped on their skates in a benefit game against the MDSC All-Stars at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough. Sports greats including Bob Sweeney, Rick Middleton, Cleon Daskalakis, Reggie Lemelin, Kenny Hodge, Bobby Miller, Tom Songin, Don Marcotte, Frank Simonetti, Terry O'Reilly, Andy Brickley, Bob Beers and Dick Lamby played a two-period game against the MDSC All-Stars which included 23-year-old Matthew Shea, a young man with Down syndrome who has played hockey for over 10 years. This was the 4th time the MDSC All-Stars challenged the Bruins Alumni in an exhibition game in support of Down syndrome awareness. To kick-off the event, the crowd of over 1,000 supporters were invited to 'free skate' with former Bruins players and MDSC All-Stars as well as Finz the mascot of the Worcester Sharks.

During the opening ceremony, self-advocates Chuck Maranian, Melissa Riley, Brendon Durkin and Caroline Shea sang the national anthem and Amanda Kelleher ceremonially dropped the first puck to officially begin the hockey game.

MDSC Board President, Charlie Gadbois, recognized the tremendous efforts of the MDSC All-Star Team and sponsors that helped raise over \$80,000 to support the MDSC. Special recognition was given to Rick Middleton, President of the Boston Bruins Alumni, who played a key role in organizing the event as well as to long-time friend of MDSC, Bob Sweeney, who is the Director of Development at the Boston Bruins Foundation.

Thank you to all the fans who came to support the event, the MDSC All-Star Team, the Boston Bruins Alumni, and the many sponsors and donors who made this event such a success!

Special Thanks to: Our MDSC All-Star Team Members! Joel Anderle, Rich Bedard, J.R. Butler, Joey Campagna, Conor Crowley, Patrick Foley, Charlie Gadbois, Bill Giles, Dylan Giles, Jamie Hintlian, Shawn Hogan, Kevin J. Kelleher, David Kelleher, Jake Kelleher, Craig Ludwig, John Marcinkowski, Michael Matthews, Gordon McLeod, Louis Casso, Matthew Shea, Casey Shea, Jamie Shepard, Castan Sommer, Bill Tighe, and Mike Williams.

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