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Hockey Has Heart– Hockey Families Helping Hockey Families

I am very excited about this week's column. I have long believed that one of the greatest things about hockey is the people it attracts. We all have a million great experiences stored in our memory bank brought to us courtesy of the great game of hockey. The tight fraternity and lifelong relationships we forge are truly a gift to cherish.

Unfortunately, even in the midst of what are arguably the greatest times of our life, curves are thrown. Adversity is a fact of life. How we respond to life's curves, whether our own or others, is a great barometer of the character within us. Hockey has Heart is one such example of great people pulling together to selflessly help others in need. "Hockey families helping hockey families" is Hockey has Heart's motto. The effort behind this worthy endeavor truly epitomizes the values espoused by the MWEHL and we are proud to support their event.

Hockey has Heart will be holding its 2nd Annual Benefit Gala with silent and live auctions at the Laurel Manor in Livonia on Friday, March 26, 2004. Last year's inaugural event was a great success, and the organizers are hoping to do even better this year. The success of Hockey has Heart is directly dependent upon the generosity of all of us. Participation can come in many ways including buying dinner and raffle tickets, donating auction items or theme baskets, making a monetary donation, or becoming an official sponsor of the foundation.

Benefit Dinner: \$225 per couple includes two (2) raffle tickets, cocktails, appetizers, multi-course sit-down dinner, sweets table and open bar all evening, or \$115 per person and one (1) raffle ticket.

Monetary Raffle: \$20 per ticket featuring a \$10,000 1st Place, \$5,000 2nd Place and \$2,500 3rd Place cash prize.

Theme Basket Raffle: \$1 per ticket or \$20 for a string of tickets from "nose to toes".

Hockey has Heart is a 501 c (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please direct all inquiries to 248.476.9127 or visit Hockey has Heart on the web at www.hockeyhasheart.com.



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