



2010-11 WASHINGTON CAPITALS CHARITIES ANNUAL REPORT





### **Mission Statement**

To create, maintain and support community programs in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area that encourage participation in hockey, serve to educate youth, assist those who are less fortunate and focus on health and wellness.

Washington Capitals Charities is also committed to supporting the charitable endeavors, initiatives and foundations of the team's players and alumni.

## We support the growth and development of hockey on all levels

**Funds:** For the second year in a row, Washington Capitals Charities partnered with the Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association (PVAHA) John Crerar Hockey Development Grants program, providing a \$25,000 grant in 2010. This money was distributed to 15 area hockey programs to increase participation and promote hockey within Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The general areas targeted for the grants included diversity hockey, disabled hockey, cross-ice hockey, Grow the Game programs and the American Development Model. Thanks in part to WCC's grant, PVAHA had 1,298 new players during the 2010-11 season, an increase of 26.8% from the season before.

Washington Capitals Charities donated more than \$34,000 to Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena; the money was raised through the team's Beard-a-Thon fundraiser held during the 2011 playoffs. Fort Dupont is the only public indoor ice arena located in Washington, D.C., and the only skating facility in the area that provides free or subsidized skating programs to children. Its Kids On Ice program provides free figure skating, hockey and speed skating lessons to economically disadvantaged children who might not otherwise

have the opportunity to learn these sports. Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena partners with public and private schools, summer camps, churches and local community organizations to promote and deliver its programs to more than 7,000 children per year.

Washington Capitals Charities provided \$6,000 to the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club through a grant from the Garth Brooks Teammates For Kids Foundation. Founded in 1978, Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is a developmental program that provides local and inner-city youth the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program. It is one of only 30 programs throughout the United States and Canada privileged to be a member of the National Hockey



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League's Hockey is for Everyone initiative and is the oldest minority hockey program in the United States.

During the 2010-11 season area amateur hockey teams raised \$35,635 through game program sales at Capitals games. Local teams sold programs at each home game with their teams keeping 100% of what they sold.

**Equipment:** Through the team's Hockey School program, Washington Capitals Charities donated street hockey equipment to 18 schools in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., during the 2010-11 season. In total, more than \$10,000 worth of street hockey equipment was donated by Washington Capitals Charities through this program.

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**Service/Community Involvement:** For the past two seasons Washington Capitals Charities has hosted a Greater DC Cares Servathon Project at Fort Dupont Ice Arena in Washington, D.C. Servathon is one of the largest days of service in the D.C. area and is Greater DC Cares' largest fundraiser. In 2011 more than 8,000 community and corporate volunteers participated in nearly 100 service

projects throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

At Fort Dupont, 100 Caps fans donated their time to work alongside Capitals' wives and girlfriends. Volunteers worked on indoor projects that included waxing the boards, cleaning the glass, painting the lobby and hallway behind the bleachers, cleaning hockey equipment, putting together goals and organizing hockey equipment. Outdoor projects included washing windows, weeding and mulching tree boxes and flower beds, raking leaves and sweeping the sidewalks and parking lot.

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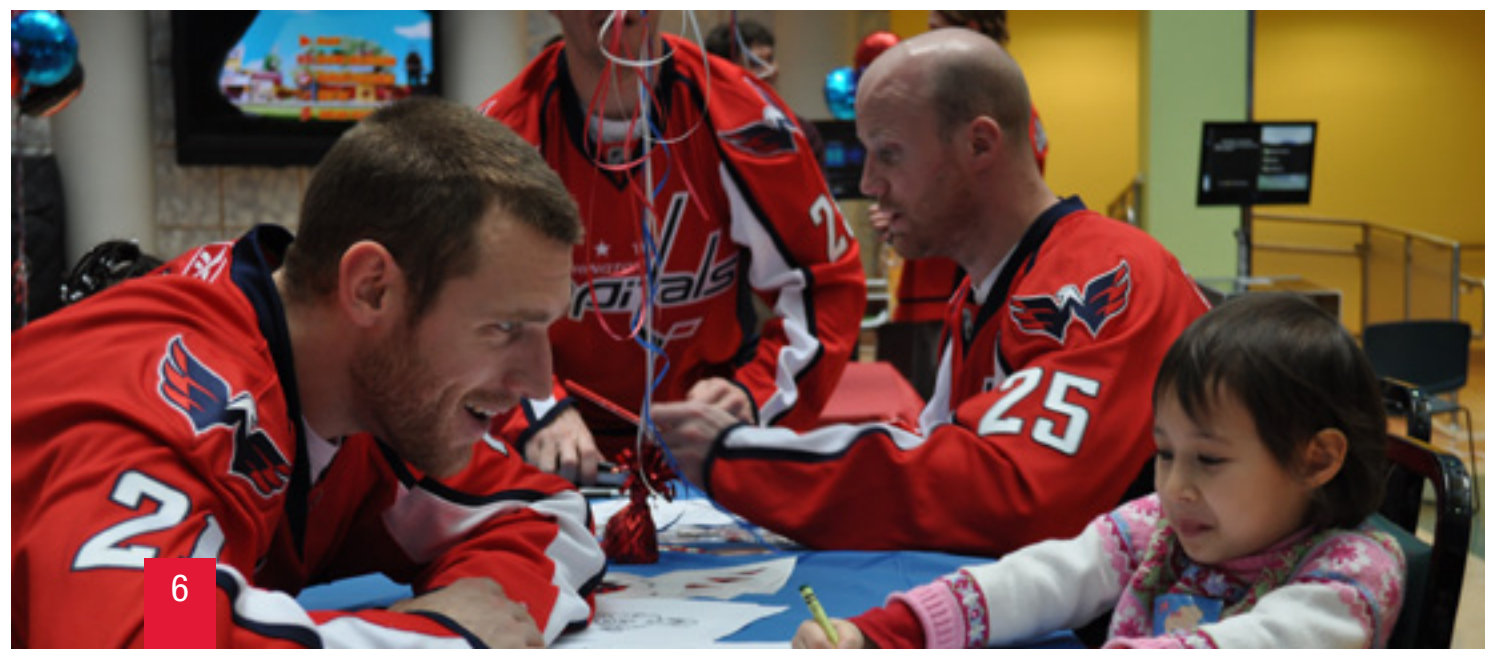
## We support health and wellness causes

Washington Capitals Charities raised and donated nearly \$35,000 to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter through a jersey auction held during the team's Hockey Fights Cancer Night in 2010. The mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. The National Capital Area Chapter serves more than 2,500 patients and families in Washington, D.C.; the Maryland counties of Prince George and Montgomery; and the Virginia counties of Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria and Prince William.

Washington Capitals Charities donated \$25,000 from the 2011 Caps Care Casino Night and Auction proceeds to the Virginia Hospital Foundation. This money was earmarked for the Chris Walsh Cancer Survivorship Fund. Survivorship is the experience of living with, through and beyond cancer for both patients and the people in

their lives who are impacted by the diagnosis. The Chris Walsh Cancer Survivorship Fund will be housed in Virginia Hospital Center's Cancer Resource Center and will be staffed to help cancer survivors cope with a complex world of emotional, physical, financial and legal issues. Virginia Hospital Center is a nonprofit, teaching and research hospital committed to providing access to state-of-the-art technology, compassionate skilled physicians and staff and an array of ancillary and support services, to best guide patients with cancer through the continuum of diagnosis, planning, treatment and recovery.

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For the second year in a row, a \$5,000 grant was provided during the season to Flashes of Hope. This grant ensured that the D.C. chapter which Washington Capitals Charities helped establish, would continue for another year. Flashes of Hope is a nonprofit organization that raises money for pediatric cancer research and changes the way children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses see themselves through the gift of photography. During the 2010-11 season 166 families were photographed during eight shoots at Children's National Medical Center. Capitals alternate captain Jason Chimera attended a photo shoot on the Hematology/Oncology Care Unit at Children's Hospital in October 2010, spending time with patients and their families, taking photos and signing autographs. The goal of Flashes of Hope is to photograph every child until every child is cured.

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During the 2010-11 season Washington Capitals Charities helped fulfill two wishes for children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Working through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Washington Capitals Charities, along with Alex Ovechkin and other

Caps players, helped facilitate wishes for two children: Ryan Rowlinson, 13, of Duncan, British Columbia, and William Shannon, 5, of Shepherdstown, W.Va. Both children were able to meet their favorite players, watch practice from the bench, tour the locker room at Kettler Capitals Iceplex, receive player-used hockey sticks and attend a Caps game where they watched the teams warmup from the penalty box, sat in Ovechkin's "Ovi's Crazy 8s" section and rode the Olympia ice resurfer during intermission. Ryan and William each had his own stall set up in the team's locker room with a personalized nameplate and Washington Capitals Charities made sure that the Make-A-Wish children, along with their siblings, had plenty of Capitals gear and merchandise. Ryan was also able to meet Capitals majority owner Ted Leonsis in the owner's suite and visit with players in the locker room after the game at Verizon Center, while William played hockey with players at Kettler Capitals Iceplex and received a game-worn jersey during the team's "Jerseys Off Our Backs" promotion at Verizon Center.

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## We support educational initiatives

**Serve DC Partnership:** For the second-straight year Washington Capitals Charities partnered with Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism to “adopt” a local school. During the 2010-11 season Capitals Charities adopted Powell Elementary School, a Title I D.C. Public School located in Ward 4 that serves children in preschool through fourth grade.

To kick off the partnership Washington Capitals Charities participated in the annual D.C. Public Schools’ Beautification Day in August. The Capitals hosted a service project headlined by Mike Green that featured team mascot Slapshot and more than 125 Caps fans at Powell Elementary School in Northwest Washington. The Caps and volunteers helped prepare the school for the upcoming school year by painting, landscaping, cleaning, creating and hanging signs, assisting teachers with organizing classrooms and assembling welcome bags for students.

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Throughout the course of the season, Washington Capitals Charities and the Capitals grew their relationship with Powell. More than \$10,000 was donated to Powell as the school received a portion of the team’s Fall Puck Surprise and Pick-A-Stick fundraisers. Powell used the money for computers and books for its students.

The Capitals also visited the school several times during the school year. In February Caps players John Erskine and Boyd Gordon and assistant coach Bob Woods brought Hockey School, presented by Capital One Bank, to Powell Elementary. The Capitals led a floor hockey clinic for nearly 100 second- through fourth-grade students, focusing on puck-handling, passing and shooting. The Caps players also answered questions and had the students participate in a shootout. The street hockey equipment used during the event was donated by the Capitals to the school.

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Later in February, Green was back at Powell for his second visit, this time with Caps alumnus Alan May and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a garden design session. The Capitals and the USDA teamed up to bring a garden to Powell through the USDA’s People’s Garden initiative. Green, May and USDA landscape architects assisted the students in designing the garden and deciding what plants should be included. Parents, along with students and teachers from the first, second, third and fourth grades, took part in the assembly with Green and May, while the USDA provided volunteers to visit the younger students and get their input for the garden. The students worked in groups to draw their ideal gardens. Green, May and the USDA landscape architects went from table to table adding their touches to the garden designs. After they had finished their creations, the students shared their designs with their classmates. The USDA then collected the students’, teachers’ and parents’ drawings to come up with a design for the garden.

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A month later, Green, May and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture returned to Powell to present the garden design to the students. During the school-wide assembly, the students, teachers and parents learned how the USDA was able to incorporate their many ideas into one garden plan.

In March the Capitals were asked to help organize a street hockey clinic at The White House as part of the First Lady’s Let’s Move! initiative. Third- and fourth-grade students from Powell Elementary School were invited to join Green, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, USA Hockey executive director Dave Ogrea and the Chicago Blackhawks on The White House grounds. The clinic helped launch the collaboration between Mrs. Obama’s Let’s Move! initiative, the NHL and USA Hockey to encourage American children to lead active and healthy lives. The NHL built a rink on the driveway of the South Lawn that was divided into four interactive sections: a warmup area where



students did exercises, a stickhandling challenge area, a hardest shot station and an area for scrimmaging.

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During the month of May, Powell's principal Janeece Docal arranged for all of the school's students to skate at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. Docal made use of all the free skating vouchers provided to Powell in the Hockey 101 booklets the students received from the Capitals Hockey School, presented by Capital One Bank, program. Each Wednesday afternoon during the month of May, several Powell classes attended the open skate at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. This allowed all of the students – many who had never been on ice skates before – the chance to skate free of charge.

To conclude the partnership the Capitals and USDA broke ground on a habitat garden at Powell Elementary School in June. More than 50 Caps fans and USDA volunteers joined Caps defenseman Jeff Schultz and his girlfriend Mackenzie Keeley at Powell to lay the groundwork for a habitat garden on the school's grounds. The volunteers worked on various projects, including building a bat house and a shed to store the gardening tools, painting animal cutouts that would be placed throughout the garden, tilling the soil, creating a woodchip path, planting, mulching, watering and installing birdfeeders. Throughout the course of the day, all of the preschool through fourth-grade classes came outside to learn about the garden, help the volunteers and do an arts and crafts project.

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A week later more than 30 Caps fans, staff and USDA volunteers completed the habitat garden at Powell. The garden was built to attract local species of birds, butterflies and beneficial insects that the students can learn about throughout the course of the school year. To complete the project, volunteers tilled the soil with equipment donated by The Home Depot, planted and labeled various flowers and plants, hung a chalkboard for the outdoor classroom and finished building a shed for the school to store gardening tools. Animal cutouts were placed on stakes and planted into the ground to mark the different parts of the habitat, such as the native bee garden, monarch watch garden and hummingbird garden. Students also came outside

during their recess to help plant and water their new garden. Once the project was finished, both the Caps and the USDA donated the gardening tools used during the build to Powell, so that the students and teachers could work year-round to maintain the garden.

**Caps Care Click to Win:** Caps Care Click to Win is a community initiative that gives local schools with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status the chance to win Caps autographed memorabilia, player and mascot visits and cash prizes. During the 2010-11 season Washington Capitals Charities granted \$28,000 to 40 schools in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Since the inception of the program Washington Capitals Charities has donated more than \$100,000 and 8,500 Caps tickets to 140 local schools.

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## We support the military

**Courage Caps:** For the fourth year in a row the Washington Capitals reminded everyone what true courage is and called Caps fans to action through Courage Caps. Through this initiative the Capitals raised nearly \$50,000 for Our Military Kids.

Camouflage Courage Caps and T-shirts were sold for \$20 at Capitals games, online at WashingtonCaps.com and at the team stores at Kettler Capitals Iceplex and Verizon Center. There were also a limited number of autographed Courage Caps and T-shirts available. For \$50, fans were able to purchase a "Three Stars" Courage Cap or T-shirt signed by Nicklas Backstrom, Mike Green, Mike Knuble or Alex Ovechkin; for \$35, fans could purchase a hat or T-shirt signed by any other Capitals player.

Courage Caps allowed the Capitals to raise funds for Our Military Kids, a nonprofit organization that supports National Guard and Military Reserve families – one child at a time. Our Military Kids provides grants to the children of deployed National Guard and Military Reserve

personnel as well as children of all Wounded Warriors. The grants pay for participation in activities such as sports, fine arts and tutoring, which nurture and sustain the children while a parent is overseas serving our country. Our Military Kids grants are made to honor the sacrifices military families make and to ensure the children have access to activities and support that help them better cope with challenges arising during a parent's deployment or recovery.

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## We support the local underserved population

**Canned Food Drive:** Every year the Washington Capitals hold a food drive to collect canned foods and other nonperishable food items to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank, which is the largest public nonprofit food and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Last year the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 30 million pounds of food, including 10.8 million pounds of fresh produce, to more than 478 million people through a network of more than 700 nonprofit partners.

In 2010 the Capitals teamed up with Tires Plus, Bridgestone, Comcast SportsNet, Mix 107.3 and the Edge 105.9 and collected more than one ton of food and nearly \$1,000 for the

Capital Area Food Bank. Tires Plus and Bridgestone made an additional \$7,500 donation to the food bank. Through the canned food drive the Caps were able to provide more than 25,000 meals to those in need in the D.C. area.

Capitals players' wives and girlfriends Karie Erskine, Rachel Fehr, Kim Hendricks, Mackenzie Keeley and Diondra Steckel greeted fans before a game at Verizon Center along with volunteers from the Capital Area Food Bank. Fans who provided nonperishable food or monetary donations received a poster featuring Caps star and canned food drive spokesman Nicklas Backstrom.

Backstrom along with teammates Karl Alzner, John Carlson, Mike Green, Braden Holtby and D.J. King; Mix 107.3's Chilli Amar; and Comcast SportsNet's Jill Sorenson also participated in The Salvation Army's Grate Patrol program in 2010. The group, joined by Major Steve Morris from the National Capital Area Command for The Salvation Army, delivered sandwiches, beef stew, bread, hot chocolate, water and cookies to the homeless. This was the second-consecutive year that Backstrom and Amar delivered meals through the Grate Patrol program.

The Grate Patrol program started in 1985 and operates 365 days a year with service to more than 1,000 individuals each month. The Grate



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Patrol serves between 100 to 120 individuals per night and serves more than 33,000 meals annually. Originally the program offered meals alone, but today an outreach coordinator helps the homeless get back on their feet.

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**The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program:** Inspired by Capitals defenseman Mike Green, who has adopted families during the holidays for the past four seasons, Washington Capitals Charities teamed up with The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program for the second-consecutive year. Through Angel Tree, the Capitals adopted 25 D.C.-area families for the holidays, providing clothing, books and toys for 60 children. Washington Capitals Charities received wish lists and clothing sizes for the kids and several of the Caps players' wives and girlfriends spent the day shopping for these families. They filled 60 shopping carts at Target with clothes and accessories, bikes, books, toys, electronics and games, and also purchased Target and Safeway gift cards for the parents and guardians. The wives and girlfriends then separated and labeled all of the gifts and everything

was delivered to the families by The Salvation Army on Christmas Day.

The adopted Angel Tree families were invited to a skating and pizza party hosted by Washington Capitals Charities at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. This gave the players and their wives and girlfriends who shopped for the families the chance to meet them in person. The players skated with the families while offering skating

tips, as many of the children had never been on skates before.

The success of The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program depends on volunteers who agree to adopt and purchase gifts for an angel. For many of the families who turn to The Salvation Army for help, the toys and clothes they receive through the Angel Tree Program are the only gifts their children will have to open on Christmas morning. More than 25,000 individuals



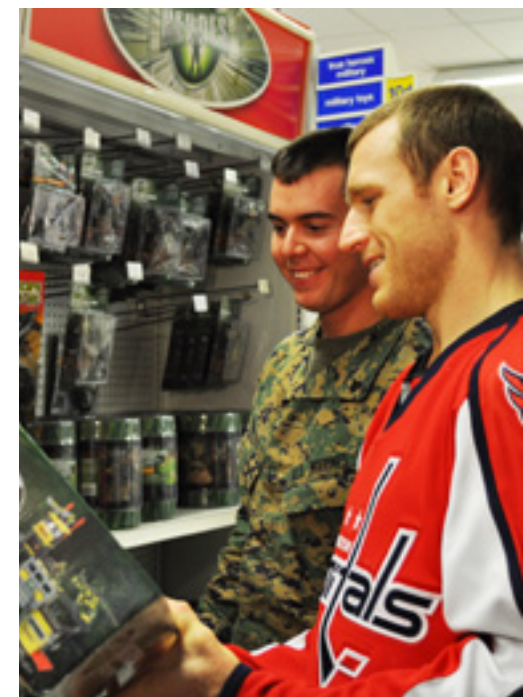
received emergency holiday assistance through the Angel Tree Program throughout the National Capital Area.

**Toy Drive:** The holiday season is a time for giving and the Washington Capitals want to do their part in bringing a smile to the face of every child. The Capitals partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for their 11th annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive presented by GEICO in 2010. The Capitals, the Elliot in the Morning Show and Comcast SportsNet worked together to fill a 17-foot JK Moving and Storage truck with toys for disadvantaged children throughout the D.C. area. Caps players' wives Karie Erskine, Rachel Fehr and Kim Hendricks joined U.S. Marines outside of Verizon Center's main entrance to collect toys and monetary donations. Every fan who donated a new, unwrapped toy received a commemorative Caps poster featuring toy drive spokesman

Brooks Laich. Additionally, more than \$5,000 in monetary donations was also collected for the Toys for Tots Foundation at the Toy Drive.

To kick off the toy drive campaign, Laich and his girlfriend – along with Alan May from Comcast SportsNet, Elliot Segal from the Elliot in the Morning show, the GEICO Gecko, Slapshot and several U.S. Marines – shopped for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation. Washington Capitals Charities donated more than \$10,000 that the shoppers spent on nearly 400 toys that were distributed as holiday gifts to children in need in the Washington, D.C., area.

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## We support our players' charities

**Ovi's Crazy 8s:** In five seasons Ovi's Crazy 8s has provided nearly 2,300 children and soldiers and their families with the opportunity to see a Capitals home game free of charge. Through his decision in 2006 to create this community initiative, Alex Ovechkin generously provides underserved children, recuperating injured soldiers and active military and their families the chance to attend Capitals games at Verizon Center. Ovechkin purchases eight Capitals season tickets and donates them to Most Valuable Kids (MVK). MVK then distributes these tickets to either injured soldiers or active military and their families; or to boys and girls, 18 and younger, through numerous nonprofit organizations that focus on children in low-income and underserved households.

Ovi's Crazy 8s sit in the lower level of Verizon Center and are recognized at home games. In addition, each person in the section receives a foam No. 8 and after select games participants have an opportunity to meet Ovechkin.

**Green's Gang:** After a breakout season in 2007-08 when he led all NHL defenseman in scoring, Mike Green wanted prove he is also a leader off the ice. Following in the steps

of teammate and league MVP Alex Ovechkin, Green decided to provide Capitals game tickets to underserved children, injured soldiers and active military and their families in the D.C. area. Green purchases seven Capitals season tickets and donates them to Most Valuable Kids. MVK then distributes these tickets to either soldiers and their families or to boys and girls, 18 and younger, through numerous nonprofit organizations that focus on children in low-income and underserved households. In three seasons Green's Gang has provided more than 1,000 children and soldiers and their families with the opportunity to see a Capitals home game free of charge.

Green's Gang sit in the lower level of Verizon Center and are recognized at home games. In addition, each person in the section receives a Green's Gang T-shirt and after select games participants have an opportunity to meet Green.

**So Kids Can:** Capitals defenseman Mike Green and Elliot Segal of the Elliot in the Morning show teamed up to create the So Kids Can

program, a fundraising initiative that benefits a different youth-focused, nonprofit organization each year.

During the 2010-11 season So Kids Can donated more than \$75,000 to KaBOOM! to build a Capitals-themed playground for Associates for Renewal in Education, which is located in the Bloomingdale neighborhood in Washington, D.C. To date, So Kids Can has raised nearly \$170,000 for charity.

All funds raised for So Kids Can are based on Green's official scoring statistics. Green donates \$100 for every goal he scores and \$50 for each of his assists throughout the regular season. During the playoffs Green doubles the stakes, donating \$200 per goal and \$100 per assist. At the end of the season Elliot matches the total amount, dollar for dollar. Washington Capitals Charities also makes a contribution to So Kids Can, and Caps fans and area businesses are encouraged to participate by donating at the community relations table during games or through WashingtonCaps.com.

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**November:** The Mo (slang for moustache) and November come together each year for Movember, and in 2010 Caps players Karl Alzner, John Carlson, Jason Chimera, John Erskine, Mike Green, Matt Hendricks, Braden Holtby and Jeff Schultz and alumnus Yvon Labre all participated. The Capitals team helped raise more than \$22,000 for the Movember Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that runs the men's health initiative, Movember. The money raised during the Movember campaign initially goes to the Movember Foundation and is then split evenly and donated to the foundation's two beneficiary partners – the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.



## We support NHL initiatives

**Hockey Fights Cancer:** The Washington Capitals support the NHL's Hockey Fights Cancer initiative. Hockey Fights Cancer is a component of the NHL's "Biggest Assist Happens off the Ice" campaign, the league's long-standing tradition of addressing important social issues in North America and around the world.

Hockey Fights Cancer is a joint initiative founded in 1998 by the NHL and the Players' Association to raise money and awareness for national and local organizations involved in cancer care and research. It is supported by NHL member clubs, NHL alumni, the NHL Officials' Association, professional hockey trainers and equipment managers, corporate marketing partners, broadcast

partners and fans throughout North America. To date more than \$11 million has been raised to support national and local cancer research institutions, children's hospitals, player charities and local cancer organizations.

The Caps focused on blood cancers during the team's 2010 Hockey Fights Cancer Month initiatives. The Washington Capitals raised more than \$35,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) National Capital Area Chapter through its Hockey Fights Cancer Night in October. The club hosted a pregame on-ice ceremony, honoring 30 Caps fans who had battled, beaten, helped treat or been personally

touched by leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease or myeloma.

The mission of LLS, the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. More than 2,500 patients and families are served by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter each year.

**Hockey is for Everyone:** The NHL's Hockey is for Everyone initiative provides support and unique programming to nonprofit youth

hockey organizations across North America that are committed to offering children of all backgrounds opportunities to play hockey. The initiative is supported by NHL member clubs, players, NHL alumni and fans. To date, Hockey is for Everyone has exposed close to 45,000 boys and girls to unique hockey experiences.

The Hockey is for Everyone initiative embraces three specific disciplines of youth hockey: diverse hockey, special hockey and disabled hockey. The adult hockey component of the initiative exclusively supports two worthy programs, the U.S. National Amputee Hockey Team and the USA Warriors Hockey Team.

To celebrate this initiative, the National Hockey League hosts the annual Hockey is for Everyone Month in February. The league-wide initiative includes numerous activities to promote the diversity of the game that involve our clubs, players, alumni, fans and grass-roots diversity programs, all

with the goal of raising awareness and celebrating the growth of the game.

The Washington Capitals hosted Hockey is for Everyone Night during a Caps game in February and featured youth players from Fort Dupont's Kids on Ice program as the Caps Flag Tunnel Kids and the Reston Raiders under-16 girls as the Ice Crew. During the intermission there was a shootout featuring players from Special Hockey Washington with members of the Washington IceDogs, NOVA Cool Cats, Baltimore Saints and Montgomery Cheetahs participating. Members of the Fort Dupont Cannons participated in the NHL Official's Association Zebras Care program before the game and watched the game from the Green's Gang and Ovi's Crazy 8s



sections. The Catholic University of America Hockey team sold programs to fundraise and the Montgomery Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) squirts played a hockey game at Verizon Center before the Capitals took the ice later that evening.

The Caps also teamed up with Dreams for Kids (DFK) to host Extreme Recess Hockey in February

at Kettler Capitals Iceplex as part of Hockey is for Everyone Month. Washington Capitals players Matt Bradley, David Steckel and Tom Poti, as well as coach Bruce Boudreau and assistant coach Bob Woods skated with more than 60 children with physical and developmental disabilities following a Capitals practice. Many participants took the ice for the first time as the Caps players helped

them get acclimated to the ice while working with them on puckhandling, passing and shooting. The Caps provided T-shirts, Winter Classic programs and lunch while Bradley, Poti and Steckel signed autographs for all of the participants.

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## Fundraising

### Caps Care Casino Night and Auction:

Caps Care Casino Night and Auction is the marquee fundraising event for Washington Capitals Charities. Nearly 500 fans helped raise more than \$300,000 for charity at the second Casino Night in January at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Va. In 2010 the event raised more than \$285,000 for a total of more than \$590,000 raised for charity in two years.

A special reception was held for VIP ticketholders who mingled with the entire team along with coaches and owners. Afterwards the players entered the gaming area, which featured blackjack, craps, roulette, Texas hold 'em and slot machines. There were instructional tables along with video game stations in the foyer for everyone to enjoy. The participants were treated to complimentary food and beverage during the event.

There were three silent auctions where participants were able to bid on autographed sports memorabilia and Capitals' game-used equipment and two raffles – one that attendees could buy tickets for and another that guests

could enter with the money they won from the casino games. The evening concluded with a live auction featuring one-of-a-kind experiences with Capitals players, coaches and owners.

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**In-Game Fundraisers:** Washington Capitals Charities hosts a number of fundraisers at Caps games throughout the season. The Hockey Fights Cancer Jersey Auction, Fall and Spring Puck Surprises, Wives Gift Basket Auction, Pick-A-Stick and Mystery Mini Helmets helped raise more than \$130,000 during the 2010-11 season.

**How to Donate:** If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to Washington Capitals Charities, you may do so through our website, WashingtonCaps.com. Simply go to the Washington Capitals Charities page in the Community section and click on the "Donate" button, which will take you to our PayPal page. If you prefer, you can send a check made payable to Washington Capitals Charities to our office located at 627 N. Glebe Road, Suite 850, Arlington, VA 22203.



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- Arlington Traditional School
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- Bass-Hoover Elementary School
- Beall Elementary School
- Bells Mill Elementary School
- Berwyn Heights Elementary School
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- Carole Highlands Elementary School
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- Georgian Forest Elementary School
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- Hollywood Elementary School
- Jefferson-Houston School
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- Kenmoor Elementary School
- Kent Gardens Elementary School
- Kings Park Elementary School
- KIPP DC AIM Academy
- Lake Ridge Middle School
- Lanier Middle School
- Leslie Fox Keyser Elementary School
- Louise Archer Elementary School
- Marley Middle School
- Mill Creek Middle School
- Northern High School
- Oak Hill Elementary School
- Pennington Traditional School
- Pine Spring Elementary School
- Plum Point Elementary School
- Potomac Senior High School
- Powell Elementary School
- Roland Park Country School
- Rolling Ridge Elementary School
- Saint James Catholic School
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- St. John's Regional Catholic School
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  - St. Raphael School
  - St. Thomas More Cathedral School
  - Stafford Elementary School
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  - Thornburg Middle School
  - University Park Elementary School
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- The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic  
Our Military Kids  
Potomac Valley Amateur Hockey Association
- Baltimore Area Special Hockey
  - Baltimore Youth Hockey Club
  - Bennett Blazers Sled Hockey Program
  - CBHL Girls Caucus
  - DC Sled Sharks
  - Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena
  - Montgomery Cheetahs Hockey Club
  - Navy Youth Hockey Association, Inc.
- Nelson Hockey Association/  
Metro Maple Leafs
  - NOVA Cool Cats
  - Reston Raiders Hockey Club
  - Richmond Royals
  - Southern Maryland Sabres Hockey Club, Inc.
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