

# ICE HOCKEY *in* HARLEM

ANNUAL SPORTS AUCTION  
*with the* NEW YORK RANGERS



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**I**CE HOCKEY IN HARLEM (IHH) is a not-for-profit, afterschool education and hockey program for children ages 4-17 in the Harlem community. The program began in the winter of 1987 with a small group of forty eager youngsters in mismatched uniforms and second-hand equipment. Under the tutelage of founder, **Dave Wilk** and a core of dedicated volunteers, IHH has grown to include over 275 participants and has expanded its program to include:

- **Hockey clinics** held four times a week at Lasker Rink and Riverbank State Park.
- **Weekly classroom sessions** where the students learn geography, math, history, reading, writing, and life skills using hockey as an educational tool.
- **A comprehensive social services program** supervised by our Director of Social Services.
- **A mentor program.**
- **An after-school tutoring program.**
- **An intramural league**, complete with championship playoffs and trophy.
- **A traveling team**, the Harlem Rangers, which in our inaugural season will compete against over fifteen teams from as far as Washington, DC and Montreal.
- **Hockey camp scholarships** provided for participants throughout the United States and Canada.

ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM provides scholarships and helps students explore educational opportunities both within the New York City school system and with prestigious private institutions. Visits to various prep schools have inspired several players to improve their grades and apply for academic scholarships. We are proud that IHH has provided scholarships to over 15 deserving youngsters to attend renowned prep schools such as Trinity Pawling, Millbrook, South Kent, The Bement School, as well as private and Catholic schools in New York City.

The money raised at this year's Annual Sports Auction and other fundraising events, such as our **BENEFIT ON THE GREEN** golf tournament at the prestigious Winged Foot Golf Club, provides IHH with much-needed funds to help 275 inner-city youth realize their dreams. Your generous contribution can help buy an aspiring hockey player his first pair of skates, take him to his first NHL hockey game, provide a mentor he can look to as a role model and, most importantly, give him the self-esteem and ambition to improve his life and dare to achieve his dreams.

Due to your ongoing support, we can continue to provide these deserving youngsters an opportunity to enrich their lives and, in so doing, enrich our lives as well.



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**W**e could not provide educational and athletic programs to our deserving youngsters without the invaluable assistance of the New York Rangers, who have supported ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM for the past eleven years. Members of the Rangers have generously taken time from their demanding schedules, both during the season and in the off-season, to support our program.

We are particularly grateful for the special contributions made by the individual members of the Rangers organization. Former Ranger, **Pat Hickey**, has been instrumental in growing ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM from its humble beginnings to a vital community program that reaches over 275 inner-city youth. **Neil Smith**, President and General manager of the Rangers sits on the ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM Board of Directors and contributes to our fundraising and awareness campaigns. Former Rangers star **Vic Hadfield** also sits on the ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM Board of Directors and plays a key role in our annual **BENEFIT ON THE GREEN** golf tournament and other fundraising events. And **Sam Rosen**, the TV voice of the New York Rangers, has done an outstanding job as auctioneer at the **ANNUAL SPORTS AUCTION** and **BENEFIT ON THE GREEN** for the past four years.

We are especially grateful to **Jeff Beukeboom**, the Honorary Captain of ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM. Jeff first became involved with ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM when he attended the **BENEFIT ON THE GREEN** golf tournament in 1995. His caddie that day was ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM scholarship recipient **Bernie Smith**, who sparked Jeff's interest in the program. Jeff approached ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM on his own to find out how he could contribute and has been actively involved ever since.

We are honored to have Jeff and his Ranger teammates attend our **ANNUAL SPORTS AUCTION**. We at ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM wish Jeff, and all the Rangers, continued success for the rest of the season and look forward to seeing them, and you, at the next ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM event.