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**Lord Stanley's Cup is coming to Strathroy**

**Strathroy, ON** - Andy McDonald of the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks will appear with the trophy in the West Middlesex Memorial Centre in Strathroy on Aug 11th from 2:30 – 5:30 pm.

Andy will be available to sign autographs and anyone can have their picture taken with the Cup for \$10, with all photo proceeds going toward minor hockey. Along with photos and autograph signing, tickets will be on sale for a special jersey and hockey stick raffle. All raffle proceeds will go to the CT scanner campaign, helping patients at the Middlesex Hospital Alliance. Ticket holders could win one of the following:

- One of two Andy McDonald Jerseys (autographed by entire Anaheim Ducks team)
- A Don VanMassenhoven Referee Jersey
- One of our NHL Game Used Autographed Sticks (signed by Andy McDonald, Brian Campbell, Jason Williams, Corey Perry)

“I am very excited to be able to share the Cup with my hometown. It is important to me to give back to my community in a meaningful way....a way that will benefit the entire community. I hope people will buy raffle tickets to help support the CT scanner campaign - to enhance patient care at our local hospital,” says McDonald.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The draw will be held in the evening on Aug 11th at the Derby Inn, 2 Front St., downtown Strathroy. Raffle tickets will be sold between 2:30 – 5:30 on the 11th at the area where the items will be on display. Anyone can purchase tickets before the 11<sup>th</sup> at any of the following locations: Strathroy Sports Excellence, The Age Dispatch or Strathroy Hospital Foundation Office.

McDonald played Junior B hockey for the Strathroy rockets. In 1994-1995, he was named the Rockets MVP. After being spotted playing in the Western Ontario Junior Hockey League, Andy attended Colgate University, graduating with a degree in International Relations.

In 2000 he went undrafted and was signed as a free-agent by Anaheim. During game four of the Stanley Cup finals, McDonald contributed on all 3 of the Ducks goals, scoring two goals and an assist. He finished with five goals in the series as the Ducks won the Stanley Cup in five games.

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#### **About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation**

Through community philanthropy, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation supports patient care as a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds for the delivery of quality health care to the people of Strathroy and surrounding communities. The SMGH Foundation was incorporated as a registered charity in 1989 with the objective to encourage, manage and receive donations that support the needs of the hospital. The Foundation conducts a full complement of philanthropic programs, including an annual campaign, memorial gifts, special events, capital campaigns and planned giving.

#### **About the Middlesex Health Alliance**

The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is an alliance between Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) in Newbury, Ontario and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) in Strathroy, Ontario. Since 1999, the MHA allows both hospitals the opportunity to build on shared resources and expertise in order to provide the highest level of services possible to the surrounding communities. As an alliance, FCHS and SMGH work together to recruit, train, invest, and retain health care human resources, maximize new technologies and information systems, and to coordinate quality health service delivery through primary and secondary care and joint access to tertiary care.