



Shjon Podein Children's Foundation Celebrity Benefit Press Release

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Podein Hosts Celebrity Party

Rochester, MN – The Shjon Podein Children's Foundation will host their 12th annual celebrity party and concert at McMurphy's Sports Bar/Aquarius Night Club on Sunday June 28, 2009

The Shjon Podein Children's Foundation (aka: Team 25) is a 501c3 nonprofit started by Shjon and Sherry Podein in 1997. Shjon, a native of Rochester, MN, is a 12 year veteran of the NHL with career highlights including winning the Stanley Cup in 2001 with the Colorado Avalanche and being awarded the King Clancy Cup that same year for his service to humanity off-ice. The mission of the Shjon Podein Children's Foundation is to improve the quality of life and create an environment of caring and community support for children facing extraordinary difficulties in their lives. The children, their families, our board and volunteers, sponsors, and celebrities all work together in our efforts to accomplish this mission and together we are TEAM 25.

Over the past 11 years, the Shjon Podein Children's Foundation has gifted over \$1,100,000.00 to programs that support children. "This is our 12th year and the party may be our biggest yet! We really appreciate how the community has supported us over years" said Shjon Podein. For more information about Team 25 and the programs they support, visit the website at www.team25.com.

The evening will include great food, silent and live auctions, as well as a concert by Minneapolis recording artist, **gb leighton** with several special guest performances. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items including concert tickets and VIP passes to see STAIN'D in Rochester, a Wild Boar hunt for four in Texas, four 7 day VIP passes to the PGA Championship at Hazeltine, a trip for 6 to a hockey game of your choice in Tampa Bay, FL and much more sports and entertainment memorabilia.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Space is limited. Due to the location of this event, no one under 21 will be admitted. **Tickets on sale** at all three Andy's Liquor locations in Rochester, MN for a \$50.00 donation to Team 25.

Over 50 celebrities scheduled to appear including: NHLer's: Mark Parrish, Dan Hinote, Jordan Leopold, Paul Martin, Matt Cullen, Brandon Bochenski, Blake Wheeler, Taylor Chorney, Pat Eaves, Steve Reinprecht, Jack Skille, Mark Stuart, Tom Chorske (NHL alumni), Brian Engblom (NHL alumni/Versus), Lou Nanne (hockey legend), Darby Hendrickson (NHL-FSN), Ben Utecht (NFL), Darrell Thompson (NFL alumni); Sean McDonough (sports announcer/commentator), Actors, Erik Stolhanske, Michael O'Neill, Jeremy Ratchford, Nicole Sullivan, and musical guests Brad Paisley, Opie Gone Bad, Angie Stevens, Something Underground, and Sally Taylor.

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