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### **Chesterfield SportsComplex Announces Naming In Memory of Mike Shanahan, Sr.**

Chesterfield, MO – Chesterfield Hockey Association announced that the Competition Rink at the new Chesterfield SportsComplex will be named the Mike Shanahan, Sr. Family Arena in memory of the late Mike Shanahan, Sr.

Friends of Mr. Shanahan put together an effort earlier this year to honor Mike and his love for family and community. They felt naming the Mike Shanahan, Sr. Family Arena at the new Chesterfield SportsComplex would make Mike proud especially given his passion for creating the next generation of NHL players and fans. An event was held at Annie Gunn's on June 6 where Mike's friends, family and colleagues teamed together to raise \$850,000 in his honor. Chesterfield Hockey would especially like to thank the St. Louis Blues Alumni, the Potthoff Family Foundation, Kelly Chase, Matt Kopsky, the Davis and Clark Families, Dave Webster and Thom Sehnert for their generous contributions.

Kelly Chase, St. Louis Blues Alumni, shares, "Mr. Shanahan was one of the most considerate people I've ever met in the city of St. Louis. He was certainly one of the most beloved owners in St. Louis Blues history. His generosity to the community and love for the city is unmatched. Mr. Shanahan taught us all how to be considerate of fans, sponsors, and our community and to treat them like family. I can't think of a better way to honor him than to have his name on the Chesterfield SportsComplex to continue the growth of hockey that he was such a big part of in the city."

Mark Kraus, Board President for Chesterfield Hockey Association said, "We are so pleased to honor Mike and his commitment to the St. Louis hockey community. We are forever grateful for the outpouring of support from his family and friends. Featuring his name in the main Competition Rink of the brand new Chesterfield SportsComplex will help to carry on his legacy for years to come."

The 84,000 square-foot Chesterfield SportsComplex will feature two NHL-sized rinks, seating for approximately 2,000 spectators, a second-floor viewing platform, locker rooms, team meeting rooms and offices. The estimated cost for the complex is \$21.5 million and funding will come from charitable contributions, conventional bank financing and funding from the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District for public infrastructure improvements associated with the project. Construction began in September 2018 and will conclude in August of 2019.

Chesterfield Hockey Association will continue to focus on their fundraising efforts during the construction phase in order to raise an additional \$800,000 before the grand opening next summer. The Association was founded in 1995 as a not-for-profit corporation established for the development and

operation of amateur youth hockey in far west St. Louis County. CHA enrolls about 400 players each season and hundreds more in spring and summer leagues.

For additional information about the Chesterfield SportsComplex, visit [chesterfieldsportscomplex.org](http://chesterfieldsportscomplex.org).