




Make A Change Canada Fundraising Hockey Game Features Montreal Canadiens Alumni

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15-Year Anniversary Event to Generate a Legacy of Support for our Local Communities

 NELSON, BC--West Kootenay hockey fans will get a chance to capture some of the magic that comes along with Canada's most storied hockey franchises when the Montreal Canadiens Alumni Team touches down in Nelson this winter.

Make A Change Canada is hosting the charity hockey game on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at the Nelson and District Community Complex where some of the legends of the Montreal Canadiens' past will take the ice against a team that features local hockey heroes and supporters.

"Make A Change Canada is excited to have a chance to bring a game like this to Nelson and kick off our 15-year anniversary celebrations," says Anne-Marie Edgar, Executive Director of Make A Change Canada. "This will be a great night for hockey fans, families, and the entire community. The Montreal Canadiens are such an important part of hockey history. This will be a fun evening, which will truly make a difference for those who Make A Change Canada serves in the future."

Based in Nelson, [Make A Change Canada](#) is a national nonprofit and charitable organization that provides online employment, self-employment, and skills training to people who face barriers to employment in today's labour market. A pioneer in the field, what distinguishes Make A Change Canada is the one-on-one support it provides through its online programs to those who cannot leave home or wish to work from home. Clients include people facing all types of challenges from youth and single parents, to those living with a disability or chronic health issue, to those living in rural and remote areas.

The Montreal Canadiens Alumni Team travels across the country during the winter to help raise funds for a wide variety of organizations and projects. Players from an assortment of Canadiens' eras pull on the fabled jerseys with the specific roster being announced a couple weeks before the game.

The Canadiens Alumni will take on the Kootenay Patricks, a local team that is being put together and tips its helmet to history, taking the name from hockey pioneers Frank and Lester Patrick who played in Nelson in the early-1900s.

"Make A Change Canada was initially created through the help of West Kootenay organizations and supporters," says Edgar, who has been with the organization since 2007. "And what better way to give back to our local communities with this exciting hockey game. Money raised through this event will open additional learning opportunities for local residents in our [online web development and design program](#), and we plan to return a portion of the proceeds to adaptive sports programming for children and youth with disabilities in our local communities."

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at makeachangecanada.com/charity-hockey-game. Sponsorship packages that enable local businesses and organizations to get involved in the game are also currently available. Please contact Anne-Marie Edgar at [amedgar \[at\] makeachangecanada.com](mailto:amedgar@makeachangecanada.com) or Jan Wright at [chair \[at\] makeachangecanada.com](mailto:chair@makeachangecanada.com) for more information.

About Make A Change Canada/Faire un Changement Canada

Make A Change Canada/Faire un Changement Canada, incorporated in 2004, is a national nonprofit and charitable organization, and is accredited under the [Imagine Canada Standards Program](#). Make A Change Canada develops and delivers online training, programs, and mentorship to anyone facing barriers to employment. We are an online hub for job seekers, employers, and partner agencies seeking to empower themselves or others to realize their full economic, social, and human potential. Clients include people living with a disability or chronic health issue, youth, stay-at-home and single parents, older workers, Indigenous Peoples, new Canadians, members of the LGBTQ+ communities, and people living in rural or remote areas. For more information, please visit www.makeachangecanada.com

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