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SIMON'S FUND HONORED WITH COMMUNITY TEAMMATE AWARD AT THE JANUARY 28 PHILADELPHIA FLYERS GAME AGAINST THE DETROIT RED WINGS

Philadelphia, PA – [Simon's Fund](#), a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness about the conditions that lead to sudden cardiac arrest and death in student athletes and young people had the pleasure of being named the [Philadelphia Flyers Community Teammate Honoree](#) at the January 28 game against the Detroit Red Wings. Sponsored by Virtua Health, the Community Teammate program recognizes organizations, groups and individuals for their positive contributions to the local community.

"A big thank you to the Flyers for including Simon's Fund as a Community Teammate," said Darren Sudman, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Simon's Fund. "Sudden death is for hockey, not for athletes. That's why we are working hard to raise awareness for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in Philadelphia and beyond. Having the support of the Flyers will help us spread the word and further our mission."

As a Community Teammate, Simon's Fund was able to promote their mission during the game. **Former Flyer and current broadcaster Chris Therien** taped a public service announcement for Simon's Fund that debuted during the game. Therien's sister passed away from SCA so he understands first hand the impact it has on a family. Darren and his wife Phyllis were presented with a personalized Flyers jersey during intermission. There were also heart health and SCA facts that periodically appeared on the screens during the game.

The **Red Wings Director of Player Development Jiri Fischer** personally understands the impact SCA can have. In 2005, he collapsed on the bench during a game. He was resuscitated after being unconscious for over five minutes and was forced to retire from the game.

About Simon's Fund

Simon's Fund was established in 2005 in memory of Simon, son of Phyllis and Darren Sudman. The organization provides free heart screenings to children and sponsors medical research projects, hosts awareness events, works with major medical institutions and promotes legislation. To date, Simon's Fund has checked almost 8,000 hearts, helping 60 students discover heart conditions. For more information, visit www.simonsfund.org.