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STEEL TO DONATE TO GENEVA ACADEMIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Check presentation to take place at Friday's Teacher Appreciation Night game

GENEVA, ILLINOIS – The Chicago Steel hockey team are proud to support the Geneva Academic Foundation (“GAF”) and announced Friday a \$500 donation to be used towards a collegiate scholarship for a current Geneva High School senior. An on-ice check presentation has been scheduled for the second intermission of tonight’s Teacher Appreciation Night game at Fox Valley Ice Arena when the Steel face the Muskegon Lumberjacks at 7:30 p.m.

Geneva Academic Foundation strives to provide students new educational experiences, ideas, and opportunities by funding grants for technology, services, programs and equipment for teachers, schools and classrooms throughout Geneva Community School District 304, grades K through 12. GAF has awarded over \$1,300,000 in grants since its founding in 1987. Grants have been given for GTV television studio equipment in Geneva High School, heart-rate monitors for elementary school physical education classes, multiple classroom Smartboards and standing desks, computers, software, document cameras, Starlab, microscopes, skeletons, books, reading aids, and many other items. In addition, the GAF annually funds two college scholarships for two Geneva High School seniors. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and an essay written by the student.

“We are proud to partner with the Geneva Academic Foundation to help reward a deserving student in our community,” said Steel President Dan Lehv. “We support the work that GAF is doing for the Geneva Community School District, and in particular, Geneva Community High School, at which Steel players Jake Nielsen and Austin Long are currently enrolled.”

The Geneva Academic Foundation is currently accepting applications for this year’s scholarships and the deadline is Monday, April 11. Interested students may visit gafgeneva.org to download the application.

“We’re very excited to be working with the Chicago Steel as one of our newest partners in the Geneva community,” said Geneva Academic Foundation President Jeff Vekony. “We’ve had several meetings with Dan Lehv, his staff and Dr. Andy Barrett of Geneva School District 304 discussing partnering activities for this year, including helping to promote Teacher Appreciation Night on April 8, a GAF Night with the Steel in fall 2016 and are most excited and appreciative

about this \$500 donation for our annual scholarships that will be awarded to two graduating Geneva High School Seniors later this Spring.”

Friday’s Teacher Appreciation Night will celebrate local educators throughout the evening. Seven educators from District 304 in Geneva will participate in a simultaneous ceremonial puck drop and have been provided with complimentary suite tickets for the game. Special videos will be played on the team’s state-of-the-art video scoreboard, including thank you messages from Steel players to current and former teachers that have impacted their lives. Educators will take part in on-ice intermission contests including Musical Tires and Score-O.

The Steel close its season this weekend with three games in three days, including home contests Friday night and Sunday afternoon. The 2015-2016 campaign is the Steel’s 16th season in the United States Hockey League (“USHL”) and first since relocating to Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva. Following Friday’s Teacher Appreciation Night game, Chicago hits the road for its final away game of the season Saturday at the Bloomington Thunder. The Steel then return home to close out the season with a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday versus the Madison Capitols on Fan Appreciation Day. Fans will have the opportunity to walk away with tons of giveaway items, including t-shirts, pennants, posters and more. The afternoon will also feature the entire team signing autographs after the game.

To purchase tickets or learn more information, call 855-51-STEEL, stop by the Box Office inside Fox Valley Ice Arena or visit ChicagoSteelHockeyTeam.com.

ABOUT THE STEEL

The Chicago Steel are competing in their 16th season in the USHL and first at Fox Valley Ice Arena in Geneva. Majority ownership of the Steel was sold in May 2015 to Chicagoland native Larry Robbins. The Steel focus on providing family-friendly entertainment to the Fox Valley at affordable pricing.

ABOUT THE USHL

Headquartered in Chicago, the USHL celebrates its 14th season as the nation's only Tier I junior hockey league in 2015-16. A record 37 players were chosen in the 2015 NHL Draft and more than 375 players on team rosters last season committed to NCAA Division I schools, further establishing the USHL as the world's foremost producer of junior hockey talent.

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