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Skating Strides Honored at The One Hundred

Mass. General Hospital Cancer Center Recognizes Kathy Wynters, Hockey East

WAKEFIELD, Mass - Hockey East Associate Commissioner **Kathy Wynters** and Hockey East's Skating Strides program were honored Tuesday night by Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center at *the one hundred*, a fundraising and awareness initiative that honors those that have displayed a commitment to fighting cancer. Skating Strides serves as Hockey East's fundraising vehicle to bring awareness to breast cancer since it was founded in 2006.

Wynters has engaged women's and men's hockey programs at all the conference's member institutions, including Boston College, Boston University, University of Connecticut, University of Maine, University of Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Merrimack College, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, University of Notre Dame, Providence College and University of Vermont. Each school hosts a dedicated Skating Strides night during each season, during which merchandise is sold to benefit breast cancer initiatives.

"Kathy inspires the teams to get really creative," said **Pauline Alighieri**, executive director of the Friends of Mel Foundation and who nominated Wynters for the honor. "Players wear pink game jerseys and pink skate laces, use pink hockey sticks...even the referees wear pink-striped jerseys. At two schools, the ice was colored pink!"

To date, Skating Strides has contributed nearly \$400,000 to breast cancer organizations throughout New England through the Friends of Mel Foundation, including the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing in Maine, the Gloria Gemma Foundation in Rhode Island, the Vermont Cancer Center, Necessities Bag and the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center in Connecticut, the Program for Young Women with Breast Cancer, the Ellie Fund and the Art of Living Life Beyond Cancer Conference in Massachusetts.

Created and supported by the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, *the one hundred* is an awareness and fundraising initiative that celebrates hope in the cancer community. Each year, the one hundred honor 100 Everyday Amazing individuals and groups — caregivers, researchers, philanthropists, advocates and volunteers from around the globe — whose commitment to the fight against cancer inspires others to take action.

Funds raised through *the one hundred* support the Mass General Cancer Center, the leader in personalized medicine, early-detection technologies and innovative supportive care. Discoveries made at Mass General benefit cancer patients worldwide.

Since 2008, *the one hundred* has raised \$9.1 million.

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