## NEW HOCKEY TEAM AT PRINTSCAPE ARENA

Canonsburg, PA - Printscape Arena at Southpointe is proud to announce a new hockey team in town, the Southpointe Grizzlies Special Hockey. The team was formed to educate and encourage individuals in Washington and other nearby counties with developmental disabilities, such as Autism, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injuries and other rare genetic disorders, to participate in the game of ice hockey. As a new local expansion franchise, the Southpointe Grizzlies are joining three teams made up of nearly 180 athletes across the region. They are a part of Hockey Sticks Together Foundation. Hockey Sticks Together was organized to provide leadership, strategic direction, fund development and organizational resource support to non-profit special needs and inner-city hockey programs in Western Pennsylvania.

"The Hockey Sticks Together Foundation is extremely excited to add another organization to the HST community. As we continue to support each other while enhancing the brand partnership of the Pittsburgh Penguins as well as the Penguins Foundation; we are confident that the Grizzlies addition will serve as another footprint model to build from serving as an example for future additions." *Gregg Kaminski, Director of Operations, Hockey Sticks Together Foundation* 

The Board of Directors, Coaches and Volunteers encourage the continued development of dependability, self-confidence, improved concentration, improved balance and motor skills and personal accountability and socialization. These attributes help the athletes become successful both on and off the ice. And most importantly, the program is offered with minimum to no expense to participants so that everyone can enjoy the game of hockey. The goal is to create a fun but structured environment for the players in order to provide a positive experience for them and their families. Additionally, they hope to inspire a passion in the players so that they have the drive to continue learning and benefiting from the sport of ice hockey.

"We are all ecstatic to get started and contribute to the overall growth of special hockey and special needs programs in the Greater Pittsburgh Region." *Scott Fazzone, President, Southpointe Grizzlies Special Hockey* 

About Printscape Arena - Printscape Arena at Southpointe, owned by Black Bear Sports Group, Inc. is a multi-purpose sports facility located in Canonsburg, PA. Opened in 1995, the 125,000 square-foot facility has an annual foot traffic of over 815,000 people and is one of the South Hills most heavily visited sports arenas. The facility includes one NHL-sized ice rink (UPMC Rink at Printscape Arena) operating year-round and one NHL-sized dry floor arena which operates with turf from November through March and a sport court surface from April through October complimented by three meeting/party rooms. The mix of sport surfaces Printscape Arena provides a host of sports programs, leagues, events, activities as well as corporate functions year-round. The facility is home to many user groups along with a variety of on site businesses including the Southpointe Fitness Center, Southpointe Chamber of Commerce Network Center, Bubba's Gourmet Burghers and Beer, Bubba Java, Throw, Indoor Ax Throw, and House O' Hockey Retail Store.









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