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COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR CHaD ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Fifth annual game to feature best NH football players raising money for CHaD

BEDFORD, N.H. – The countdown is on for the annual clash between **New Hampshire's standout high school football athletes** in the fifth annual **CHaD NH East-West High School All-Star Football Game**, powered by Bedford and Nashua Ambulatory Surgical Centers. Game day is **Saturday, June 25** at **Saint Anselm College**.

More than eighty graduating high school all-stars from across the Granite State have volunteered their time and talent to practice and fundraise for the game with the goal of raising \$300,000 for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). More than \$1 million has been raised through sponsorship, ticket sales, donations, and player fundraising since the game's inception.

Practice begins this weekend with double sessions Saturday and Sunday, June 18 & 19, at Manchester West and Memorial High Schools. The game caps the All-Star festivities, which include the All-Star Golf Tournament June 14 at Stonebridge Country Club and the All-Star Banquet the night before the game.

CHaD patients, families, friends, and high school football enthusiasts will flood Grappone Stadium to cheer on the players in support of New Hampshire's full-service, comprehensive children's hospital. Proceeds from the game go directly to CHaD services and the Kristen's Gift Endowment Fund, the pediatric oncology fund at CHaD. **Stadium gates open at 4:30 p.m. and kickoff is at 5:30 p.m.** Tickets are just \$10, and may be purchased online or on game day at the stadium. For additional information, visit <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1153472>.

WHAT: CHaD NH East-West High School All-Star Football Game
WHEN: Saturday, June 25 – Kick-off, 5:30 p.m.; gates open at 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Grappone Stadium, Saint Anselm College
100 Saint Anselm Drive
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

About CHaD:

As New Hampshire's only full service, comprehensive children's hospital, the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) is committed to providing outstanding compassionate care for children and their families. Their physician expertise provides primary, specialty, and tertiary care to the children of New Hampshire, Vermont, and beyond. CHaD offers inpatient (hospital care) and outpatient (same day care) services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Outpatient and same day surgery services are available at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester, as well as outpatient pediatric specialties at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover and in Exeter. Primary care is available at Dartmouth-Hitchcock facilities in Bedford, Concord, Keene, Lebanon, Manchester, Nashua, and Plymouth, NH as well as Bennington, VT.

For more information about CHaD, please visit www.chadkids.org or contact us at (603) 650-KIDS or chad.community.relations@hitchcock.org.