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Chesterfield SportsComplex to be Named Maryville University Hockey Center
Saints Men's and Women's Hockey Teams to Make SportsComplex Home Ice

Chesterfield, MO – Chesterfield Hockey Association is pleased to announce that they have entered into a five-year agreement with Maryville University to name the new Chesterfield SportsComplex the Maryville University Hockey Center. Maryville University is the largest leaseholder of the complex. The University was instrumental in helping the project come to fruition and will help with the sustainability of the complex because of their use of ice during non-peak hours. Maryville's current men's hockey teams and the women's hockey teams slated to begin in Fall 2020 will make the complex their home.

"Our partnership with Maryville University was important to establish and sustain this state-of-the-art facility, and in addition it provides a visible pathway to exceptional higher education and playing college hockey for our youth members," said Mark Kraus, board president for Chesterfield Hockey Association. "Maryville's investment in world class education programs and now competitive varsity hockey thru the ACHA league will inspire more of our youth to pursue their education and hockey goals locally."

Development for the complex began last fall and is expected to take 11 months to complete with a grand opening projected for late summer 2019. The 84,000 square-foot facility will feature two NHL-sized rinks, seating for approximately 2,000 spectators, a second-floor viewing platform, locker rooms, team meeting rooms and offices. The estimated cost for the complex is \$21.5 million and funding will come from charitable contributions, bank financing and funding from the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District for public infrastructure improvements associated with the project. The complex will be owned and operated by Chesterfield Hockey Association, a 501 (c) (3) organization.

"Maryville is thrilled to support the vision and work of the Chesterfield Hockey Association in the creation of the center, and to become an active member in the growing and vibrant Chesterfield Valley community," said Mark Lombardi, PhD, president of Maryville University. "The Saints hockey teams will now have a state-of-the-art home facility where they can train and compete, and will be able to connect with youth hockey to create a pipeline for future players and to create a fan base."

The Maryville University Hockey Center will also be the home to Chesterfield Hockey Association which enrolls approximately 450 youth annually as well as several local high schools including Marquette, Lafayette, Parkway West, Priory and Chaminade.

Chesterfield Hockey Association will continue to focus on their fundraising efforts during the construction phase in order to raise an additional \$600,000 before the grand opening this summer. The Association was founded in 1995 as a not-for-profit corporation established for the development and operation of amateur youth hockey in far west St. Louis County.

For additional information about the Chesterfield SportsComplex, visit www.chesterfieldsportscomplex.org.