

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MEDIA ALERT – Monday, January 22, 2024 Fargo Public School District #1

## FARGO HOCKEY TEAMS HOSTING 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STICK IT TO CANCER FUNDRAISER

Fargo Public Schools' hockey teams are teaming up with Lend a Hand Up to "Stick it to Cancer."

WHAT:	Stick it to Cancer
WHEN:	Tuesday, January 23 (see schedule below)
WHERE:	Scheels Arena / Farmers Union Arena, 5225 31st Avenue South, Fargo;
	Cornerstone Arena, 4404 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Fargo
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The Davies High School, North High School, and South High School hockey teams are joining together to host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Stick it to Cancer hockey fundraiser on Tuesday, January 23. The fundraiser benefits families in medical crisis through Lend a Hand Up.

The Stick it to Cancer night at Scheels Arena, the adjoined Farmers Union Arena, and Cornerstone Arena will feature five hockey games with teams from each of FPS' three high schools plus Devils Lake High School (see games below).

There will be ceremonial puck drops before each of the three varsity games. Amanda Kaldor will drop the puck for the North/South vs. Davies varsity girls game; Sonja Reed will drop the puck for the South/Shanley vs. North varsity boys game; and Brandy Link will drop the puck for the Davies vs. Devils Lake varsity boys game.

Kaldor is a physical education teacher at Longfellow Elementary School and previously taught at Bennett Elementary School and Ed Clapp Elementary School. She was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in December of 2022 and spent the first half of 2023 going through surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. She was declared cancer free and rang the bell at Roger Maris Cancer Center on June 26, 2023.

Reed went through treatment for Stage 4 uterine cancer from July to December of 2021 and had clear CT scans from January of 2022 until July of 2023, but she was notified at her routine three-

month CT scan on December 24, 2023 that the cancer had returned in her spleen, liver, and lymph nodes. She began chemotherapy on December 27 and will have a round of chemo every 21 days. She does not yet know how many rounds of chemo she will require. Reed was a daycare provider for 34 years and kept her daycare open through her previous fight with cancer, but has now had to close it.

Link was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer in October 2022, but when doctors performed her lumpectomy, the cancer was larger than expected and was upgraded to Stage 3. She received a new treatment plan that required 25 rounds of chemotherapy and a mastectomy followed by 25 rounds of radiation. She completed the chemo in April, the mastectomy in May, and the radiation in August. She was laid off in February of 2023 and began a new career at the Fargo Public Schools Federal Credit Union in October of 2023.

The event raises funds through a silent auction, bake sale, t-shirt sale, and miracle minute bucket donations. The silent auction features numerous items donated by community partners, including clothing, restaurant gift certificates, hockey-themed gift baskets, household items, home décor, professional photography sessions, and more. Items available for the silent auction are available to view and bid on <u>here</u>.

Admission to the hockey games is free with the purchase of a Stick it to Cancer shirt. Online sales of t-shirts have closed, but more shirts will be available at the event.

All funds generated through the Stick it to Cancer event are donated to Lend a Hand Up. Last year's Stick it to Cancer event raised more than \$60,000. Since 2010, the events have raised a \$600,000.

Lend A Hand Up started in 2008 as a way to raise financial help and hope for local families facing medical crisis. Lend A Hand Up has raised more \$20 million to help more than 600 local families.

## The hockey games are:

- 4:45 p.m.: South/Shanley vs. North (JV Boys), Cornerstone Arena
- 5:15 p.m.: North/South vs. Davies (Varsity Girls), Scheels Arena
- 5:15 p.m.: Davies vs. Devils Lake (JV Boys), Farmers Union Arena
- 7:30 p.m.: South/Shanley vs. North (Varsity Boys), Scheels Arena
- 7:30 p.m.: Davies vs. Devils Lake (Varsity Boys), Farmers Union Arena

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