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Dallas Stars Goalie Auctions Helmet to Support Wounded Warrior Project

DALLAS, April 4, 2017 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- Professional ice hockey goalie helmet designs are the stuff of legends in the sports world. For decades, the designs have been funny, artistic, [intimidating](#), and terrifying – each a reflection of the unique personality behind the mask. Dallas Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen's design is deeply personal; on his helmet sits the logo for Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). At a recent veteran's appreciation night hosted by the Dallas Stars, he put his helmet up for auction to raise money and awareness for WWP.

"My family and I appreciate the sacrifices these veterans have made," Kari said. "As a player, I am surrounded by people who are there to support me through my career and whatever injuries I might face on the ice. In the same way, Wounded Warrior Project provides crucial support programs to veterans, and I am happy to be able to help them continue their mission."

WWP offers a variety of programs and services that assist injured veterans with mental health, physical health and wellness, career and benefits counseling, connecting warriors with one another and their communities, and long-term care for the most seriously wounded. All of WWP's programs are designed to ease the burdens on warriors, their caregivers, and families, by aiding in the recovery process and smoothing the transition into civilian life.

"We're extremely grateful for Kari Lehtonen's support for our mission to honor and empower Wounded Warriors," said Gary Corless, WWP chief development officer. "The generosity of our donors makes it possible for wounded warriors to take part in outreach activities and benefit from program resources at no cost to them. Kari's gift will help Wounded Warrior Project continue connecting wounded warriors with programs and services that will empower them to live their lives on their own terms."

To learn more about how WWP's programs and services are making an impact on the lives of wounded warriors, visit <https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/>. To find photos from this event, including the design of Kari's helmet, click on multimedia, then images.

About Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) connects, serves, and empowers wounded warriors. Read more at <https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/about-us>.

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