



PRESS RELEASE

Shoot hoops with the stars!

***Tournament of Stars presented by Raymond James
in support of West Park Healthcare Centre***

Toronto, ON – March 6, 2019 – Want to play with the pros? Register a team and join the Third Annual West Park Tournament of Stars celebrity basketball event, in support of West Park Healthcare Centre. On March 29 and March 30, 2019, play ball alongside Toronto Raptors alumni and other NBA stars for a great cause – rebuilding a hospital.

Presented by Raymond James, the Tournament of Stars joins together teams of hoop-loving celebrities and West Park supporters in a five-on-five basketball tournament. Proceeds from the event will support the life-changing work done every day at West Park, a Toronto rehabilitation hospital that helps people with serious injuries and illness – including amputation, stroke, lung disease, and severe trauma – get their lives back.

“The care that people receive at West Park helps them overcome enormous health challenges to lead productive and independent lives,” said Joanne Cole, CEO of West Park Foundation. *“We are the next step following a stay in acute care, helping people get out of the hospital and back home with their families.”*

The West Park Tournament of Stars gets underway the evening of Friday, March 29, 2019 with the celebrity draft party at Cube Nightclub (314 Queen Street West), where teams draft a celebrity teammate – the more money a team raises, the higher they pick in the draft. Games take place the following day at the University of Toronto’s Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport (100 Devonshire Place) – tip-off is at 9:00 a.m.

Celebrities playing this year include Toronto Raptors alumni Jerome “Junk Yard Dog” Williams, Morris Peterson, Tracy Murray, Alvin Williams, Antonio Davis, Shawn Marion, Reggie Evans, Matt “Red Rocket” Bonner, Roger Mason Jr., Charlie Villaneuva, plus more stars to be announced. Returning as Honorary Ambassador is Jack Armstrong, TSN and NBA TV Sportscaster.

The Tournament of Stars is quickly becoming one of the most-anticipated events in the city as the event has been nominated for the *“Most Outstanding Event Award”* by the Canadian Event Industry Awards (CEIA) – a testament to the uniqueness, impact, and momentum of this marquee event.

“The Tournament of Stars is a fun-filled event for the entire family – not only do participants get to meet such stars, they also get to play alongside them, all in support of a great cause” said Daniel Simunac, Head of Raymond James Bank’s Canadian subsidiary, a member of the hospital’s board, and returning Organizing Chair of the tournament. *“West Park plays a critical role in our healthcare system and Raymond James is proud to support it by serving as the Presenting Sponsor of this special event in our community.”*

Do you have “game?” If you think you can play with the pros, visit westparktournamentofstars.ca to register a team and prepare to draft your celebrity teammate.

About West Park Healthcare Centre

West Park Healthcare Centre helps patients get their lives back by providing specialized rehabilitative and complex care after a life-altering illness or injury such as lung disease, amputation, stroke, and traumatic musculoskeletal injuries. West Park is building a new hospital and transforming its 27-acre site into an integrated campus of care, enabling the hospital to evolve its rehabilitative programs to meet Ontario's future health care needs. West Park Foundation has embarked on the ambitious \$80 million **Get Your Life Back Campaign** to support construction of the new hospital and help transform West Park into a world-class centre of rehabilitative care.

For more information about West Park, please visit: westpark.org.

About Raymond James:

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