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## Charity Hockey Game Raises \$50,000 For WWII Veterans

Bensenville, IL—On Saturday February 28th, the Village of Bensenville's Edge Ice Arena played host to the 4th Annual Honor Flight Chicago Hockey Classic game. The event welcomed 2,200 guests and rose over \$50,000 with 100% of proceeds benefiting Honor Flight Chicago.

Honor Flight's mission is to thank and pay tribute to our veterans—especially our World War II veterans—by bringing them to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them.

"The Village of Bensenville values and respects the brave men and woman who served this country." said Village President Frank Soto. "It is an honor to host this event and I have to thank the great residents of Bensenville for their strong support of veterans and this event every year."

This event is such a success each year due in large part to the collaboration of so many great organizations and people such as the Chicago Police Department, Chicago FBI, Congressman Mike Quigley, Great Lakes Naval Base, The Chicago Steel, Chicago Emerald Society, and The Orland American Legion Post 111.

"The success of this year's Honor Flight Hockey Classic demonstrates Chicagoland's gratitude and commitment to our veterans from our Greatest Generation. Playing in this year's game was an honor, and I look forward to welcoming the Illinois World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. so they can see the memorial that honors their bravery and sacrifice." Said Congressman Mike Quigley

For the past four years the Village of Bensenville has been hosting this charity hockey game featuring the Chicago Police Department verses the Chicago FBI. This year's event featured former Blackhawk players Peter Marsh, Grant Mulvey, Brian Noonan and a national anthem sung by Wayne Messmer. The Chicago FBI won this year's event in a shootout with a score of 3-2. (Photo below)

**About Bensenville:** Bensenville, Illinois is a friendly village of more than 18,500 residents that provides exceptional benefits whether you live here, work here or play here. In 2011 Bensenville was named the #2 "Best Place to Raise Kids" in Illinois by MSN Real Estate & Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O'Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra train station. Residents enjoy a thriving Downtown and commercial corridors with a variety of shopping and dining options, and beautiful parks such as the Redmond Recreational Complex featuring The Edge Ice Arenas. Our over 1,000-acre Northern Business District includes many Fortune 500 companies. In addition, Bensenville is home to Robert Morris University, White Pines Golf Course, Fenton High School, an outstanding public library, and two newly constructed grammar schools. With plenty to offer both families and businesses, Bensenville really is the "Gateway to Opportunity". Please visit our website at [www.bensenville.il.us](http://www.bensenville.il.us).

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(Village President Frank Soto along with former Blackhawks players, Grant Mulvey, Peter Marsh and Brian Noonan welcome guests to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Honor Flight Chicago Hockey Classic.)

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