

“SAM’S RACE FOR A PLACE” NAMED OFFICIAL CHARITY
OF OUTDOOR HARVEST-PROPERTIES.COM WHALERS
HOCKEY FEST 2011

*Kingswood-Oxford Student’s Fund-raising Effort Benefits Ronald
McDonald House*

Hartford, CT ... Whalers Sports and Entertainment president and COO Howard Baldwin, Jr. announced today that “Sam’s Race for a Place” has been chosen as the official charity of the Outdoor Harvest-Properties.com Whalers Hockey Fest 2011 at Rentschler Field.

“Sam’s Race for a Place” is a fund-raising push spearheaded by West Hartford, CT resident Samantha Udolf that benefits the Ronald McDonald House. Since Udolf, a successful competitive skier, founded it in June of 2008, Sam’s Race for a Place has generated donations of over \$43,500.

“Sam is such a great advocate for health and shows deep personal involvement,” said Jennifer Putnam, the Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House. “We are so excited and so thrilled.

“The kids are going to love it,” continued Putnam about the children whose families use the Ronald McDonald House. “I can’t wait until it all comes to fruition.”

The Ronald McDonald House is a non-profit charity that has been operating since 1991, helping hundreds of families and children enjoy the comforts of home while they await treatment at area medical facilities.

Udolf became familiar with Ronald McDonald House and its good works while volunteering there, and conceived Sam’s Race for a Place after learning that Ronald McDonald House is independently-funded, and must depend on grass-roots campaigns for nearly all of its support.

More information about Sam’s Race for a Place is available at www.samsraceforaplace.com <<http://www.samsraceforaplace.com/>> , and donations can be made through that web address as well.

The Outdoor Harvest-Properties.com Whalers Hockey Fest 2011 will run from February 10-23 at Rentschler Field. The featured event is the "Harvest-Properties.com Whale Bowl" February 19, which consists of the outdoor AHL game between the Connecticut Whale and the Providence Bruins at 7:00 PM, preceded by a Hartford Whalers legends vs. Boston Bruins legends classic at 4:00 PM. In addition to that, the historic outdoor event will feature: five premier college games, at least 15 elite high school, junior and prep school games and a "Whale Town", featuring exhibitors, games and the Whalers Mobile Hall of Fame.