



Dear Hockey Community:

Here is an update to Derek Zike's condition as of January 28, 2009.

Derek was admitted for another surgery yesterday. The surgery was scheduled for the early afternoon but was pushed back to the early evening. The surgery was to complete the insertion of bone in the injured area and complete the steps associated with a multi-level spinal fusion. This surgery was anticipated all along. The surgery went well and Derek is recovering.

Derek's breathing issue seems to be headed in the right direction. Although he developed pneumonia and is receiving assisted breathing following his surgery last night, it appears as though he will soon be removed from assisted breathing once it is determined he may satisfactorily breathe on his own.

The Fury and Arctic are planning a benefit for Friday, February 13, 2009, at Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park, Illinois. The planning is ongoing and, once completed, will be placed on the Fury website for all to see. Many people and organizations are providing items for the silent auction. The Zike family and Fury cannot begin to thank the many people who have volunteered to assist the Zikes but more is needed. Any items which you wish to donate to the silent auction may be sent to:

Arctic Ice Arena
c/o John Stevens
Zike Benefit
10700 West 160th Street
Orland Park, IL 60467

Received items will be stored in a secure location until the auction and benefit commence on the 13th.

In addition, a trust for Derek and a financial account linked to the trust are complete. The information discussing how families may contribute to the fund is located on the Fury website

(www.chicagofury.com) and click the link entitled, "Contribution Information for Derek Zike".

Please return frequently to the Chicago Fury website for updates on Derek's condition and information regarding the benefit on February 13, 2009.

Thank you for your thoughts and concerns and please keep your prayers coming.

The Chicago Fury