

Internal News Story

Dear Ottawa Senators family,



Today I am passing on some sad news involving one of our team members.

Nicholle Anderson, wife of our goaltender, Craig, has been diagnosed with nasopharyngeal carcinoma, a rare form of cancer. Nicholle will be treated aggressively with 33 radiation sessions and four rounds of chemotherapy over the next three weeks.

Craig and Nicholle, as well as their sons Jake and Levi, are an important part of the Senators family.

Nicholle is a great advocate for the positives of philanthropy, working with the Ottawa Senators Foundation. She is actively involved in the foundation's visits to children's hospitals, Do it for Daron, Hockey Fights Cancer and the Senators Foundation telethon.

As you know from my own health experiences, I believe rallying around your loved ones in times of crisis is important. Unfortunately, there is only so much that we can do as the Andersons prepare for this battle. Nicholle will need all her strength to fight through this so taking a less invasive role in our assistance is crucial. In times when there is nothing that can be physically offered except hope and prayers, donating money is a tangible way to help.



That said, I have made a commitment on behalf of the Senators team to collect funds to help with Nicholle's care. Funds will help cover medication, flights and childcare as Nicholle's doctors are in New York.

Any funds that you donate, *I will personally triple*. If you donate \$1, the Andersons receive \$3. If you can spare \$100, the Andersons receive \$300. Whatever you can give will help the family through this difficult time.

Please visit <http://www.sensfoundation.com/employeedonations> to donate today. Please see your immediate supervisor if you wish to donate in person.

I understand that today's news comes as a shock. I encourage anyone who needs or wants to talk to access their EAP which includes on-call mental health assistance at no cost.

Thank you,

Eugene Melnyk

Owner, Ottawa Senators Hockey Club