



## COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DCCPD)

As advocates for effective public policy, we protect the rights of all residents of and visitors to the District of Columbia, regardless of their physical or mental ability.

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### **Congratulatory Statement by the D.C. Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

The D.C. Commission on Persons with Disabilities (D.C.C.P.D.) would like to Congratulate The 2018 Washington Capitals on their Stanley Cup win over the Vegas Golden Knights, 4-3, in Game 5, to win the best-of-seven series. The Washington Capitals are definitely winners on the ice. Where the 2009–10 Washington Capitals team won the franchise's first-ever Presidents' Trophy for being the team with the most points at the end of the regular season. They won it a second time in 2015–16, and did so for a third time the following season in 2016–17. In addition to three Presidents' Trophies, The Washington Capitals have reached the Stanley Cup Finals twice (in 1998 and 2018) and won eleven division titles, but they are also champions in inclusion and accessibility. The Washington Capitals have on going partnerships prompting diversity and inclusion with:

- The American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) which gives people of all ages and abilities a chance to learn and grow by playing hockey. <https://www.nhl.com/capitals/community/special-hockey>
- The American Special Hockey Association. <http://americanspecialhockey.org/>
- Washington Ice Dogs. <http://washingtongicedogs.org/about/meet-ice-dogs>
- The skate at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. Created in 2000 for players with development disabilities. <https://www.kettlercapitalsiceplex.com/page/show/2237767-hockey-clinics-and-development>
- The Washington Capitals in partnership with the Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE) Foundation also teamed up with Dreams for Kids DC (DFKDC) in hosting Extreme Recess Hockey Clinic at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. <https://www.nhl.com/ca>
- Hosting February as "Hockey is for Everyone" celebrating grassroots hockey and the game's growing diversity. <https://www.nhl.com/capitals/news/washington-capitals-to-celebrate-hockey-is-for-everyone-month/c-805689>
- Initiatives supporting hockey programs that assist military personnel with disabilities. <https://capitalstoday.monumentalsportsnetwork.com/2018/02/21/capitals-mse-foundation-announce-auction-benefiting-you-can-play>

The Washington Capitals continue to promote the teaching of essential life skills and hockey core values of commitment, perseverance and teamwork. We congratulate the Washington Capitals and we salute them for advocating for inclusion and diversity.

Yours in Service,

### **The Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

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