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**MEDIA ALERT**

**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS DEFENSEMAN NIKLAS HJALMARSSON  
TO VISIT THOMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IN GOODWILL DONATION CHALLENGE**

**What:** Goodwill's Pass It On Donation Challenge ended this last April 30 with 1,295 schools participating and Thomas Middle School in Arlington Heights winning the visit from Chicago Blackhawks Defenseman, Niklas Hjalmarsson. The school has 950 students and they donated over 70,000 items to Goodwill. The other top schools were Dryden Elementary in Arlington Heights and Aux Sable Middle School in Joliet.

This is the sixth year Goodwill has sponsored this event and the schools and communities really rallied around the Pass It On promotion. All participating schools, in just the month of April, donated more than 1.9 million items – AMAZING!

Thomas Middle School is planning an all-school assembly to welcome Niklas Hjalmarsson.

**When:** Wednesday, December 7 from 12:45-2:45 p.m.

**Where:** Thomas Middle School – 1430 N. Belmont Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

**Why:** Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago sees this donation challenge as a way for the organization to publicize its commitment to the environment through reusing, reducing and recycling, and do so with a promotion that is fun and exciting with well-respected sports figure Niklas Hjalmarsson, of the Chicago Blackhawks.