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**THE MOORE CENTER ANNUAL CELEBRATION SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 9th
Former Professional Hockey Player Richard David “Nifty” Middleton to Highlight Event**

MANCHESTER, NH – Former professional ice hockey player for the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins Richard David “Nifty” Middleton will keynote The Moore Center’s Annual Celebration on November 9th from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Brady Sullivan Plaza, 1000 Elm Street, Manchester.

Middleton was drafted in the First Round (14th pick) by the NY Rangers in the 1973 NHL Draft. He played for the Providence Reds (Rangers farm team in the American League) in the 1973-74 season, where he won the AHL Rookie of the Year Award. He played the next two years for the NY Rangers (1974-76) before being traded in 1976 to the Boston Bruins, where he would spend the remainder of his career. Middleton played in three Stanley Cup Finals and was a member of Team Canada in two Canada Cup Tournaments.

While having missed few games in his career due to injury, Middleton suffered a serious head injury in the 1985-86 season after getting hit with a puck. At the time, not many players in the NHL wore helmets. He returned the next season to play two more years with the Bruins before retiring after the 1987-88 season.

When it was all over, Middleton ended up 4th on the Bruins All Time scoring list behind only Ray Bourque, John Bucyk and Phil Esposito with a total of 402 goals, 496 assists and 898 points and was 3rd on the All Time Playoff scoring list with 100 points in 114 playoff games. He holds the record for the most shorthanded goals for the Bruins with 25.

Even though Rick had retired from hockey in 1989, his hockey career wasn't over yet. He also was recruited to be the head coach of the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team in 2002 as they competed in the Paralympic games, winning their first-ever Gold Medal.

The Moore Center Annual Celebration will include a live auction for two tickets to a Bruins game in the player alumni suite. Special sponsors of the event include Brady Sullivan Properties and Spectrum Marketing Companies. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available by calling (603) 206-2722.

The Moore Center Annual Celebration is a revered event in the community and an important evening for The Moore Center, an organization that has served people with intellectual, developmental and personal challenges for more than 50 years. Attendance is \$65.00 per person – please register by calling (603) 206-2722 or visiting <https://moorecentercelebration2016.eventbrite.com>. To learn more about The Moore Center, visit www.moorecenter.org.