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NHL star gives back to hometown rink



Carlos Gomez (KTUU-TV)

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- Hockey star Scotty Gomez hasn't forgotten his beginnings here in Alaska and his foundation is helping to rebuild his neighborhood ice rink.

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The Anchorage Park Foundation and the Rasmusson Foundation each pitched in \$40,000 for the extensive work that needs to be done to the 25-year-old rink.

"We are excited. This is where Scott literally learned how to skate, and believe it or not, he's excited," foundation board member Carlos Gomez said. "He's 150 percent behind this project."

"This is a place they can walk to," Airport Heights Community Council President Jon Spring said. "We talk about giving kids an opportunity to keep out trouble -- well this is a really good opportunity, a good example of that."



Airport Heights Community Council President Jon Spring (KTUU-TV)

More donations along with volunteers are needed to complete the \$200,000 project.

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