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**Parents of Blind Children of New York Announces the 2nd Annual
 Rick Welch & Elaine Rink Memorial Ice Hockey Fundraiser in
 Loving Memory of Larry Rich and Tommy D'Onofrio**

NEW YORK, NY: This year's game will pit The Rugged Hulks, captained by Tommy Needham, against The Moscow Penguins, captained by James Welch, for three periods of fast-paced action. Music will be provided by Music to the Max's very own Chris Ox with Partners in Sound's MC Stevie Rich. Several raffles, including an Xbox 1, New York Ranger tickets, gift baskets, horse riding lessons, and body wraps, donated by businesses throughout New York City will be sold. All proceeds from this event will go to the Parents of Blind Children of New York, a division of the National Federation of the Blind of New York State. Elizabeth Tare from the NFB of New York will sing *America the Beautiful* to kick off the festivities.

When: Saturday, April 25, 2015
 Doors open at 5:15 PM
 Puck drops at 6:00 PM
 Where: Aviator Sports Center
 3159 Flatbush Ave.
 Brooklyn, NY 11234
 (718) 758-7500
 www.aviatorsports.com
 Cost: \$10 Admission

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About the Parents of Blind Children of New York

The POBCNY is a parent advocacy group working to improve the lives of blind children within the state of New York. It is our mission to elevate the quality of education for blind children, to affect our children's access to services, to create opportunities in theatre and the arts, in sports and recreation and to raise the level of expectation that those around us have of our children. To that end we have been conducting seminars and conferences in New York State for many years. Through that outreach process we have begun to share our vision for the future of blind children with families facing similar challenges. The children we serve come from all socio-economic backgrounds, races and age groups. They vary in their degree of visual impairment and many have additional disabilities. We believe in our children and in their future and are working to provide them the necessary skills to achieve true success and independence in adulthood. Further we feel strongly that the influence of successful blind role models is critical to our children's development.