



### **BRYAN BERARD**

Calder Trophy winner Bryan Berard has joined the Road Hockey To Conquer Cancer team!

Bryan Berard was the first overall selection in the 1995 NHL Entry Draft, chosen by the Ottawa Senators. Before playing with Ottawa, the mobile defenceman was dealt to the New York Islanders. In 1996-97, he was named to the NHL's All-Rookie Team and was the recipient of the Calder Trophy as the league's best first-year player. After four seasons with the Islanders, Bryan was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs. In a game in March 2000, an accidental high stick clipped Berard in the eye. After seven operations and almost

certain loss of the vision in his right eye, doctors were able to improve Bryan's eyesight enough to allow him to resume his career. He chose to sign a contract with the New York Rangers and returned to the NHL for the 2002-03 season. Bryan then joined the Boston Bruins, Chicago Blackhawks and finished his NHL career with two seasons in Columbus with the Blue Jackets. In 2004, he was awarded the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy for perseverance and diligence in hockey.