



### **MARCEL DIONNE**

Hall of Fame Honoured Member Marcel Dionne has joined the Road Hockey To Conquer Cancer team! While playing junior with the St. Catharines Black Hawks, Marcel Dionne shattered records as the leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey Association in both 1970 and 1971. There was great debate at the time – who would go first in the NHL Entry Draft: Guy Lafleur or Marcel Dionne? The Montreal Canadiens, with the first overall selection, chose Lafleur, leaving the Detroit Red Wings leaping in ecstasy as they got Marcel with the second pick. After four seasons as the only bright spot on an otherwise dismal team, Dionne was dealt to the Los Angeles Kings, and it was there that his career exploded and he became the team's franchise player.

As part of the legendary Triple Crown Line with Dave Taylor and Charlie Simmer, Marcel enjoyed outstanding production. In 1979-80, he won the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's leading scorer, collecting 137 points. In both 1979 and 1980, he was awarded the Lester B. Pearson Award (now called the Ted Lindsay Award) as the player judged by his NHL peers. Marcel played his fine two-and-a-half seasons with the New York Rangers (where he and Lafleur were teammates) before retiring in 1989. Dionne had eight seasons with 100 or more points, third only to Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux. He finished with 731 goals and 1,771 points and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992. Today, he owns a hockey collectibles store in Niagara Falls, Ontario.