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DAYNA BRONS HONORARY AWARD PRESENTED TO MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS' GOALIE JACOB INGHAM

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The first ever Dayna Brons Honorary Award, on behalf of Hockey Gives Blood, was presented to Jacob Ingham, a goaltender with the Ontario Hockey League's Mississauga Steelheads. The award was created by Hockey Gives Blood in partnership with Canadian Blood Services. In April 2018, the Humboldt tragedy claimed the lives of 16 people. Dayna Brons was the only woman on the bus, and the last to pass away five days after the crash.

The 24-year-old Brons was the Humboldt Broncos' athletic therapist and like so many other Canadians

she was also a blood donor. Dayna embodied the selfless traits of a blood donor - humility, charity and giving of oneself without want of recognition or accolades.

One positive outcome from the tragedy was the creation of Hockey Gives Blood, a non-profit organization that creates awareness about the importance of blood and stem cell donation amongst the Canadian hockey community.

On March 8, the Mississauga Steelheads hosted their Inaugural Bleed Blue game in support of Hockey Gives Blood. Jacob Ingham donated \$4 for every save made during his first 50 games of the season. His 1,393 saves totaled a dona-

tion of \$5,572 to Hockey Gives Blood.

Ingham had a personal story attached to blood donation. He had just arrived back home from a Los Angeles Kings development camp when he received the news that his grandparents were in a serious car crash. Luckily through the generosity of blood donor's, they were able to pull through.

The young goaltender, who was born and raised in Barrie and lives there with his family during the off season, continues to encourage his teammates and followers on social media to roll up a sleeve.

Ingham has become a fierce advocate for Canada's Lifeline and brought

his own family in to donate blood. A few days ago, he had an opportunity to speak to Brons's parents and learn what it meant to them to have this award named after their daughter.



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Mississauga Steelheads goalie Jacob Ingham was presented with the first ever Dayna Brons Honorary Award by Hockey Gives Blood, in partnership with Canadian Blood Services.

