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## **GOODMANS CHAIR HOCKEY EVENT TO BENEFIT AUTISM NONPROFIT FIRST PLACE AZ IN PHOENIX**

Phoenix, AZ, May 4, 2023 – [Goodmans](#), the Southwest’s largest office furniture dealer and [MillerKnoll](#) partner, is proud to announce its upcoming charity event, [Goodmans Chair Hockey](#), benefiting the nonprofit charitable organization [First Place AZ](#). The event is taking place at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Goodmans Phoenix showroom, 1400 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, and is expected to attract a crowd of over 400 players and spectators from commercial architecture, interior design and real estate firms across the Valley.

Goodmans Chair Hockey is a unique event where 16 teams compete in a raucous, single-elimination hockey tournament while seated in iconic Herman Miller Aeron chairs and Knoll Generation chairs.

*"Not only are they competing for the MillerKnoll Cup, but reputations and bragging rights are at stake," says CEO Adam Goodman. "Some competitors take the battle very seriously. Others are in it for the fun and camaraderie. At the end of it all, we have come together in support of First Place. Their work is essential to our community. We are proud to support their efforts to help adults with autism and other neurodiversities live more independently."*

This year's event marks the 8<sup>th</sup> Goodmans Chair Hockey Tournament, continuing a long-standing tradition of Goodmans raising funds for local autism nonprofit organizations [Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center](#) (SARRC) and First Place AZ, a residential and community developer with the vision of “fostering a supportive, sustainable community where adults with autism and other neurodiversities live and thrive with pride, purpose and endless possibilities” and a vision of “ensuring housing, healthcare and community options are as bountiful for this population as they are for everyone else.”

First Place–Phoenix, the nonprofit’s \$15.4 million flagship property, is an 81,000-square-foot, 63-unit, supportive apartment community set in the heart of the urban area and recognized by PBS NewsHour as “[the most autism-friendly city in the world](#).”

Goodmans is a 69-year-old, people-centered, commercial furniture company with a vision to *Change the Community* by leveraging our talent and resources and fostering a commitment to

conscious capitalism. Goodmans is proud to be the first Benefit Corporation in the state of Arizona.

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