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U.S. Figure Skating Announces Recipients of 2014-15 U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (July 9, 2014) – U.S. Figure Skating announced today the recipients of the 2014-15 U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants. Six member clubs and Basic Skills programs have been awarded \$2,000 each for the purpose of developing community-based programs and events designed to attract, involve and inspire new generations of figure skaters.

A five-member selection committee reviewed 35 applications and awarded grants to those clubs and programs that were most effectively able to demonstrate how they would use the award to develop their initiatives.

The recipients of the grants are Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club (Ann Arbor, Mich.); Bemidji Figure Skating Club (Bemidji, Minn.); Brenton Skating Plaza (Des Moines, Iowa); Cutting Edge Figure Skating Club (Pleasant Prairie, Wis.); Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena (Washington); and the Winter Club Learn to Skate Program (Indianapolis).

The grants will be used in the following ways:

- The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club will support their Learn to Skate initiative for students who fall under the classification of special needs.
- The Bemidji Figure Skating Club will launch a Rent to Give Back Program, which will rent skates to members of the community with all proceeds going to fund skating scholarships.
- Brenton Skating Plaza will fund a 12-week skating program designed for inner-city youth, ages 7-13, promoting healthy minds, bodies and spirits.
- The Cutting Edge Figure Skating Club will offer free public skating events and Basic Skills scholarships to improve exposure of the high quality skating programs in the community.
- Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena will expand the synchronized skating program within their KOI P.L.U.S. (Kids On Ice, Positive Learning Using Skating) program.
- The Winter Club Learn to Skate Program will expand its 90-minute, Saturday-only schedule into a multi-day, multi-faceted package in order to become a more inclusive, more affordable Basic Skills Program.

The Community Development Grants, started by the Robert V. Hauff and John F. Dreeland Foundation, were established in 2010 with the purpose of providing funding to eligible member clubs and Basic Skills programs throughout the United States. Formerly known as the Hauff and Dreeland Community Development Grant, the U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants were awarded to the applicants who successfully demonstrated program plans that embody the principles of U.S. Figure Skating's mission and that will be strong role models in promoting the sport of figure skating throughout their communities. For more information on the grants or any of the recipient programs, please contact U.S. Figure Skating.

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U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 690 member clubs, collegiate clubs, and school-affiliated clubs and more than 900 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing approximately 165,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.