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U.S. Figure Skating Announces Recipients of 2015-16 U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (July 8, 2015) – U.S. Figure Skating announced today the recipients of the 2015-16 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 seven-member selection committee reviewed 28 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: Brooklyn Ice (Brooklyn, New York); Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena (Washington DC); The Friends of the Kelly Rink (Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts); Glenwood Figure Skating Club (Flossmoor, Illinois); The Ice Skating Academy (Atkinson, New Hampshire) and Rolling Meadows Park District (Rolling Meadows, Illinois).

The grants will be used in the following ways:

- Brooklyn Ice will expand its after-school figure skating program to include a synchronized skating program, a community ice show, the opportunity for participants to see skating shows and competitions and a lesson/performance series with guest skaters from Ice Theatre of New York.
- Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena will build on the success of its KOI P.L.U.S. (Kids On Ice – Positive Living Using Skating) program by expanding its synchronized skating and advanced figure skating offerings to more participants.
- The Friends of the Kelly Rink will increase the number of scholarships offered to community members in its Learn to Skate Program and add 20 new pairs of rental skates to its collection for participant use.
- The Glenwood Figure Skating Club will bring high school skating to the south suburbs of Chicago by creating a program that encourages high school and eighth-grade students to form a team and participate in U.S. Figure Skating high school competitions.
- The Ice Skating Academy will provide free skate rental with the purchase of a session package or walk-on fee to low-income participants and community members.
- Rolling Meadows Park District will grow the number of high school affiliated skating clubs in Illinois by establishing figure skating as a club sport at Rolling Meadows High School, branching out to other area schools and hosting a high school team competition in conjunction with the Chicago Figure Skating Club.

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 680 member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated clubs and more than 950 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing more than 170,000 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.