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U.S. Figure Skating Announces Recipients of 2016-17 U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (July 7, 2016) – U.S. Figure Skating announced today the recipients of the 2016-17 U.S. Figure Skating Community Development Grants. Six member clubs and 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 23 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 D.C.); Friends of the Kelly Rink (Jamaica, Massachusetts); Klamath Ice Sports (Klamath Falls, Oregon); the University of Notre Dame Skating Academy (Notre Dame, Indiana) and the William G. Mennen Sports Arena (Morristown, New Jersey).

The grants will be used in the following ways:

- **Brooklyn Ice** will continue an existing program by providing free figure skating lessons to underserved children, offering students the opportunity to attend skating shows and supporting a community performance/lesson series with guest skaters from The Ice Theatre of New York.
- **Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena** will expand synchronized skating and advanced figure skating instruction within their Kids on Ice Positive Living Using Skating (KOI PLUS) program, which provides free and/or subsidized skating lessons to local children from disadvantaged neighborhoods six days a week.
- **Friends of the Kelly Rink** will purchase more sizes and replace worn out rental skates for their Learn to Skate USA program, which strives to make ice skating accessible and affordable to every member of the community.
- **Klamath Ice Sports** will provide scholarships for underprivileged students in their Wednesday After School on Ice program, which includes bus transportation to/from school, admission and skate rental.
- The **University of Notre Dame Skating Academy** will expand its adaptive skating program to include adults with limited-to-no mobility through the use of special sleds.
- The **William G. Mennen Sports Arena** will implement “Explore Your Skills: Try Different Figure Skating Programs!” The program will give children the opportunity to try synchronized skating, ice dance, ice theater and freestyle (jumps and spins).

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 click [here](#) or 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, school-affiliated clubs and more than 950 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing more than 178,000 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.