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## U.S. FIGURE SKATING ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF HAUFF AND DREELAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** (July 15, 2010) – U.S. Figure Skating announced today the recipients of the Hauff and Dreeland Community Development Grant. Twelve 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 six-member selection committee reviewed approximately 60 applications and awarded the grants to those member clubs and Basic Skills programs that were most effectively able to demonstrate how they would use the monies awarded to develop these initiatives.

The recipients of the grant are: Brooklyn Ice, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Coyotes Ice, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Cyclones Arena, Hudson, N.H.; Friends of Fort DuPont Ice Arena, Washington, D.C.; Friends of Kelley Rink, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Figure Skating Club of Omaha, Omaha, Neb.; Jefferson City Figure Skating Club, Jefferson City, Mo.; Klamath Ice Sports, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Little Caesars Skating Club, West Bloomfield, Mich.; Long Lake Skating School, North Bridgton, Maine; Skate for Joy, Providence, R.I.; Tri-County Ice Arena, Neenah, Wis.

Examples of how the grants will be used include:

- Cyclones Arena acquiring new pre-kindergarten- and kindergarten-sized rental skates
- Figure Skating Club of Omaha establishing a Basic Skills program for low income and minority youth in the greater Omaha area
- Klamath Ice Sports funding the transportation costs associated with providing a series of after-school skating programs for elementary and junior high school-aged students

U.S. Figure Skating's Basic Skills Program is a fun, challenging and rewarding beginning ice skating program. Participation enables beginning skaters of all ages and abilities to learn fundamentals of the sport and begin a lifetime commitment to health and wellness. The program offers 12 exciting skating curriculums designed to keep skaters enthusiastic about learning from the time they begin lessons until they reach their goals. Every year, U.S. Figure Skating registers more than 115,000 Basic Skills members in approximately 900 established programs across the country.

The goal of National Skating Month is to increase awareness and participation in ice skating sports. It allows U.S. Figure Skating member clubs and Basic Skills programs to reach out to new members in their community by offering fundamental ice skating lessons from professionally trained instructors across the United States. Participating rinks host activities such as open skating, free beginning lessons, exhibitions by local talent, skating demonstrations, fun and games on ice, parent education, equipment re-sales, and fundraising activities.

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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 700 member clubs, collegiate clubs, and school-affiliated clubs and more than 900 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing approximately 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.*