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150 ATHLETES & COACHES ARRIVE IN FORT WAYNE TO KICK OFF TURNSTONE ENDEAVOR GAMES

FORT WAYNE, IN (*April 20, 2018*) – 150 adaptive sport athletes and coaches from across the country arrive in Fort Wayne today for the second annual Turnstone Endeavor Games. The Turnstone Endeavor Games is the first weekend event of the 2018 Endeavor Games Series. Athletes will participate in clinics and competitive play in nine sports disciplines including air rifle shooting, boccia, goalball, power soccer, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, and wheelchair basketball.

The games open today, Friday, April 20, with a day of sports clinics and a welcome party for athletes, coaches and families sponsored by The Honey Baked Ham Company at the Plassman Athletic Center at Turnstone. The first competitive events begin with Track and Field at 8:00am on Saturday, April 21st, at Homestead High School and the competition schedule continues through Sunday.

Turnstone Endeavor Games events will be held at four sites across Fort Wayne and admission is free and open to the public at all locations.

- Air rifle shooting clinics and competition will take place at The-X- Count Shooting Range (5301 Merchandise Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46825).
- Boccia, goalball, power soccer, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball events will take place at the Plassman Athletic Center Fieldhouse at Turnstone (3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN, 46805).
- Track & Field events will be held at Homestead High School (4310 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN, 46814).
- Swimming clinics and competition will be held at Carroll High School Natatorium (3903 Carroll Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46818).

The Endeavor Games Series is supported by national partners Turnstone Center, U.S. Paralympics, Disabled Sports USA, and Hanger Clinic and the Turnstone Endeavor Games is supported by local partners Visit Fort Wayne and Touchstone Energy Cooperatives—Your Local REMC.

The 2nd Annual Turnstone Endeavor Games is an opportunity for athletes with physical disabilities to participate in various sporting events on a competitive level and the first competitive weekend in the Endeavor Games Series which culminates at the 19th Annual University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) Endeavor Games held June 7-10. The UCO Endeavor Games will feature 10 sports, including archery, air rifle shooting, cycling, powerlifting, 4-on-4 sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, track and field, 3-on-3 wheelchair basketball and wheelchair softball. Registration will open later in the spring.

Full schedule of the weekend's activities is attached.

For more information about the Endeavor Games Series, visit www.endeavorgames.com.

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ABOUT TURNSTONE: Now in its 75th year of service, Turnstone's mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing the one of the most comprehensive offerings of services and programs to people with disabilities and their families under one roof in the United States. Thanks to generous support and compassionate staff, Turnstone's legacy of advocacy and innovation continues to contribute to a world that accepts and values people based on their abilities.