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Olympic Day in Fort Wayne at Turnstone

Fort Wayne, IN –On July 15 and 16, athletes with physical and visual impairments will participate in Olympic Day in Fort Wayne hosted by Turnstone in conjunction with U.S. Paralympics, a division of the United States Olympic Committee. Kicking-off at 10 am on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday, the goal of the event is to introduce individuals with physical and visual impairments to Paralympic sports.

Saturday's events include: wheelchair basketball, rowing, track & field, goalball, table tennis, quad rugby and power soccer all held at Turnstone. Sunday will have sled hockey at the Parkview SportOne Icehouse. In addition to the sports we will have an open house from 10am-12pm in the Plassman Athletic Center at Turnstone for people to learn more about the programs and services Turnstone has to offer..

"We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and introduce individuals with disabilities in the Fort Wayne community to Paralympic sport," said Mike Mushett, Turnstone CEO. "Turnstone is proud to support the Olympic and Paralympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives."

The Turnstone Olympic Day is one of more than 2,000 events taking place nationwide. The events, designed to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic/Paralympic movement, feature athlete appearances, family-friendly activities and interactive learning experiences.

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, focuses on the Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In the U.S., Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events.

For registration information on the event, visit turnstone.org or call (260) 483-2100. Participation is free.

ABOUT TURNSTONE: Founded in 1943, Turnstone's mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing comprehensive services and programs. It is the only not-for-profit in the region that offers a full range of programs and facilities designed to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities.

About U.S. Paralympics:

U.S. Paralympics, a division of the United States Olympic Committee, is dedicated to becoming the world leader in the Paralympic sports movement and to promoting excellence in the lives of persons with physical and visual disabilities. Visit the U.S. Paralympics website at usparalympics.org. Visit the U.S. Paralympics Gateway to Gold website at GatewayToGold.org.

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