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## Dreams in Motion, Inc., Becomes Designated Paralympic Club

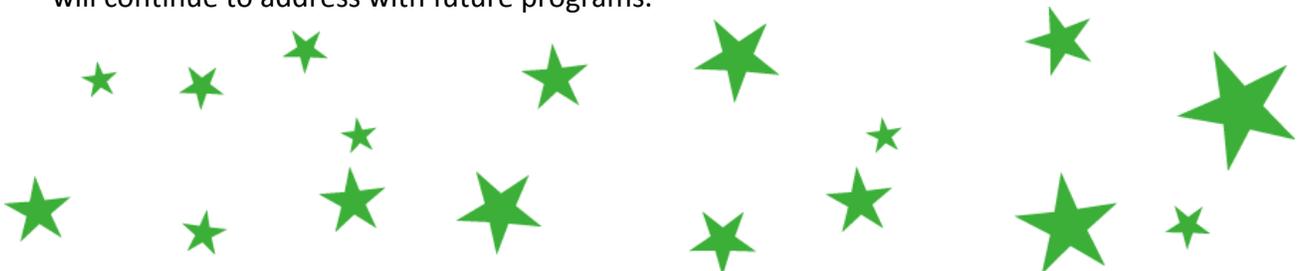
Mandan, North Dakota, *May 31, 2017* – U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, has designated Dreams in Motion, Inc. an official Paralympic Sport Club serving central and western North Dakota. As such, Dreams in Motion is one of only two recognized Paralympic clubs in North Dakota.

For nearly six years, Dreams in Motion has offered wheelchair basketball, curling, dance, sled hockey, soccer, downhill skiing, tennis, and track and field to children and young adults with physical and visual impairments. As a newly designated Paralympic Club, the organization will work with U.S. Paralympic managers to expand its parasport programs and provide a pathway for athletes of all skill levels to pursue their dreams.

“We started Dreams in Motion because we recognized a gap between traditional sports programs and the ability of children with physical or vision challenges to participate in them. The high cost of specialized equipment and lack of trained coaches makes offering parasport activities difficult, if not impossible, for most school districts,” said Annette Kaip, Dreams in Motion President and co-founder, “We wanted to help bridge that gap because we believe every child deserves the chance to experience the many benefits of physical activity and learn the life skills that come from being part of team.”

U.S. Paralympics Director of Community Programs Mike Mushett agrees, “U.S. Paralympics is dedicated to creating opportunities for individuals with physical and visual disabilities to be physically active in their own communities. Participation in physical activity enhances not only self-esteem and peer relationships, but also results in greater achievement, better overall health and higher quality of life.”

With 21 million Americans living with a physical or visual disability, including thousands of military personnel who've been severely injured while on active duty, this is an important community need and one that Dreams in Motion, with new guidance from U.S. Paralympics, will continue to address with future programs.





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**About U.S. Paralympics:**

U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. 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 disabilities. Visit the U.S. Paralympics website at [www.usparalympics.org](http://www.usparalympics.org). For additional information, please contact Beth Bourgeois at (719) 866-2039 or email [beth.bourgeois@usoc.org](mailto:beth.bourgeois@usoc.org).

**About Dreams in Motion, Inc:**

Dreams in Motion is a non-profit organization started in 2011 by a group of passionate and dedicated individuals from the Bismarck-Mandan area. The mission of the organization is to provide recreational and sporting opportunities for youth and young adults with mobility challenges or visual impairments. Over the last several years, the all-volunteer Board of Directors, has hosted and partnered with some wonderful organizations and venues throughout North Dakota to offer wheelchair soccer, basketball, sled hockey, curling, downhill skiing, track and field, dance and tennis. In addition, the organization participates in sports exhibitions, fashion shows, and other events to raise funds for equipment and athlete travel. More information is available on the Dreams in Motion website at [www.dreamsinmotioninc.com](http://www.dreamsinmotioninc.com).

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