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Dakota Community Centre Celebrates 30 Years of Sports & Recreation

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada – February 24, 2017 - The Dakota Community Centre, one of the largest and thriving community centers in Winnipeg, celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2017.

The journey began in 1984, when a public meeting was held to discuss a recreation group. Three years later, on January 29, 1987, the Dakota Community Centre was incorporated and construction of Phase 1 of the Centre began. Over the course of the last 30 years, Dakota CC has developed into a full-service recreation and sports facility, integral to the health and wellness of the community.

“The Dakota Community Centre strives to fulfill its mission to be a gathering place for excellence in recreation and sports for everyone,” said Michele Augert, the Centre’s CEO. “Our vision is an engaged, healthy, vibrant community, and to this end we offer a diverse range of sports and recreation space and activities in a safe and accessible environment.”

“For 30 years Dakota CC has continuously grown and evolved to meet the diverse needs of this community,” said Tom Thiessen, Board Chair. “The ongoing development of new programs for older adults and the construction of our new fieldhouse are a testament to this. We’re proud to offer first-rate facilities and programs for our current members, visitors, and for the next generation.”

The Dakota Community Centre’s current facility, the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex, has nearly 100,000 square feet of indoor recreation space including, two indoor ice arenas, gymnasium, canteen, nursery school, meeting rooms and multipurpose space used for various sport, community and recreation events. The Centre is in process of building a new 60,000 square foot Fieldhouse, scheduled to open this September.

Dakota CC hosts a full range of youth sports including hockey, ringette, baseball, soccer, basketball, softball, figure skating and mini soccer, as well as a wide variety of adult sports and fitness, including programs for seniors’ and special events. The Fieldhouse will increase these offerings, providing state of the art facilities for volleyball, basketball, badminton, pickleball, and a variety of wheelchair sports, to name a few. It will also house a mezzanine level running/walking track and fitness equipment, as well as a dedicated studio for yoga and other health & wellness activities.

The Dakota Futures Capital Campaign is raising funds to support the Fieldhouse project and future expansion at the Centre. The Centre recently celebrated a \$1 million transformational donation made by the Campaign's Honorary Chair Jonathan Toews.

30th Anniversary Celebrations will take place all year long, including plans for a formal open house in the Fall of 2017 to coincide with the Fieldhouse Grand Opening.

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