

Dairyland Sports Receives \$30,000 Grant from The Hartford

Company surprises local athletes with custom sports equipment

MADISON, WI, UNITED STATES, April 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dairyland Sports, a non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin, was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from The Hartford for new adaptive sports equipment.

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The grant enabled Dairyland Sports, a member of the Move United Network, to expand local sports and fitness programming for individuals with physical disabilities. Dairyland Sports offers opportunities for both novice and elite-level adaptive athletes of all ages and physical abilities to learn, grow, and compete through adaptive sport. The grant will aid in improving access to local training and competition opportunities in various sports including track, field, powerlifting, and general fitness. Additionally, it sets the stage for a tremendous adaptive sports movement in the Greater Madison community where coaches, healthcare professionals, teachers, students, and community members can discover the power of sport in

creating social change for individuals with disabilities.

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The Hartford also surprised two local athletes with their own custom-fit adaptive sports equipment to further pursue their recreational and fitness goals. The donated equipment includes a new hockey sled and sticks for 15-year-old Hayden Smith, as well as a new basketball wheelchair for 10-year-old Traeson Klais. Adaptive athletes pay 15 times more for sports

equipment than non-adaptive athletes. Donations like this help reduce financial barriers to accessing necessary equipment for adaptive athletes to stay healthy, active, and involved in sport with their peers.

The Hartford has been inspiring human achievement through adaptive sports for nearly 30 years. As a leading provider of disability insurance, the company has seen first-hand the positive impact sports can have on people and is dedicated to making adaptive sports and equipment more accessible. This includes equipment donations to local sports clubs nationwide, raising awareness about equity in sports in partnership with its world class Team Hartford athletes, as

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Paralympic Medalist and Team Hartford athlete Hailey Danz surprises an athlete with his own custom-fit adaptive sports equipment

well as The Hartford Adaptive Sports Competition Series and The Hartford Ski Spectacular in partnership with Move United.

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