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**Olympic & World Figure Skating Stars Perform Friday,
February 27 2015 at Compuware Arena to Benefit North
Star Reach**

Plymouth, Michigan – Olympic & World figure skating stars will join together on Friday, February 27 at 7 PM for a performance benefiting North Star Reach, a Michigan based camp for children with serious health challenges. **FrenchieSkate 2015** is a rare opportunity for skating fans of all ages to see and meet many of the US and world's greatest figure skating stars perform together, many of whom live and train in Michigan.

Like last year's highly successful event in Ann Arbor, this year's show promises to be a particularly historic and joyous evening as a group of athletes at the peak of their training perform together following US Nationals, Canadian Nationals and Four Continents Championships and prior to World Championships. The cast of FrenchieSkate 2015 includes Patrick Chan, 3-time World Men's Champion, 5-time Canadian Champion and 2-time Olympic Silver medalist; Jeremy Abbott, 2014 and 2010 US Olympic Team, 2014 Olympic Team Bronze medalist and 4-time US Men's Champion; Alissa Czisny, 2-time US Ladies Champion; Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, 2014 World Ice Dance Silver medalists, 2015 Canadian Champions, 2014/15 Grand Prix Final Champions and 2014 Olympians; Madison Chock and Evan Bates, 2015 US Ice Dance National Champions, and 2014 Olympians; Maia and Alex Shibutani, 2014 Olympians, 2011 World Ice Dance Bronze Medalists and 3-time US Silver Medalists; Alexa Scimeca and Chris Knierim, 2015 US Pairs Champions; Adam Rippon, 2015 US Men's Silver Medalist and 2-time World Junior Champion; Alexandra Paul and Mitchell Islam, 2014 Olympians and 2-time Canadian Ice Dance Bronze Medalists;

Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue, 2014 Four Continents Ice Dance Champions 2-time US Bronze Medalists; Elladj Balde, 2014 Canadian World Team Member and Canadian Junior Champion; Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-luc Baker, 2014 World Junior Ice Dance Champions and 2015 US Pewter Medalists; Reyna Hamui, 4x Mexican Ladies Champion; DeeDee Leng and Simon Shnapir, (she a US Junior Ladies Champion and he a 2014 Olympic Team Pairs Bronze Medalist); Georgia Glastris, 3-time Greek Ladies Champion; the Harmony Theatre Company and Evolution Synchronized Skating Team.

Michael Buckley, Internet celebrity, vlogger and IceNetwork host returns as emcee of FrenchieSkate 2015. The show is organized by the athletes themselves in association with US Figure Skating and the Detroit Skating Club.

Sponsors of the event include Ford Motor Company, Planet Fitness, The Von Voigtlander Family Foundation, and Dr. Howard Bortman Family Health & Medicine.

Adult, child, student as well as VIP Meet & Greet Tickets are available for prices ranging from \$20 to \$75. Tickets are now available online at www.CompuwareArena.com and at the [Compuware Arena Box Office \(734-453-8400\)](http://www.CompuwareArena.com). Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. CJ's Brewing Company at Compuware Arena will be open before and after the show for dinner, drinks and a post-show sponsor's reception.

"Everyone in the cast is thrilled to be a part of this incredible group of skaters, to perform in front of so many friends and to honor the memory of my great friend Francesca "Frenchie" Persico, who lived life so fully and fought pediatric cancer so bravely. We chose North Star Reach as the beneficiary of FrenchieSkate because they are bringing joy to these special children and allowing them to let go of their diagnosis and just be kids at camp" says event founder, Georgia Glastris, 3-time Greek National Champion and a senior at the University of Michigan.

North Star Reach is planning to open for campers in 2016. Here campers will experience the adventure and independence that camp

provides and they will leave with improved self-esteem, restored childhood, and a sense of accomplishment from attempting challenges in an environment that provides individualized physical, emotional, and medical support.

“We are honored to be the beneficiary of FrenchieSkate 2015, we appreciate the opportunity to share our mission with the community and update them on our construction progress and camp opening date” said Doug Armstrong, North Star Reach Founder and CEO.

For ticket information, photos of the cast, and directions to Compuware Arena go to www.FrenchieSkate.com. To learn more about North Star Reach and how you can support their mission, visit www.northstarreach.org.

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About North Star Reach

North Star Reach is a provisional member of SeriousFun Camps, the world’s largest family of medical specialty camps for children with serious illnesses founded by Paul Newman in 1988. North Star Reach enriches the lives of children with serious health challenges by providing life-changing camp experiences that are fun, safe, and empowering, always free of charge to the child and their family. Approximately 1,500 children with serious health challenges will be free to attend North Star Reach’s empowering camp programs annually and just be a kid at camp. North Star Reach is located in Pinckney, Michigan on a peninsula set among tall trees and rolling hills 30 minutes northwest from Ann Arbor. For more information on the camp, visit www.northstarreach.org or call 734-680-8744.