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1st Annual 2015 Beaver Rice Memorial Boys Baseball Winter Indoor Classic to Benefit Special Olympics Illinois Southern Area 15 in the Books

DU QUOIN, Ill. – Nineteen traveling Baseball Teams from Southern, Missouri and Kentucky competed in the 1st Annual Beaver Rice Memorial Boys Baseball Winter Indoor Classic January 30-February 1, 2015 weekend at the Southern Illinois Center in Du Quoin Illinois. The 2015 Tournament raised just under \$20,000 for Special Olympics Illinois bringing the 2015 Indoor Tournament Total to over \$80,000 raised for Special Olympics Illinois.

All proceeds provide support to over 1200 athletes competing with Special Olympics Illinois Southern Area 15, which serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the following counties: Alexander, Franklin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Union and Williamson.

2015 Tournament Results:

10U

1st Place: SI Bullets from Carterville Illinois coached by Quentin Barnard

2nd Place: Young Guns from Evansville Illinois coached by Jeremy Simpson

11U

1st Place: SI Diamond Dawgs from Harrisburg Illinois coached by Dereck Fromm

2nd Place: Paducah Chiefs from Paducah Kentucky coached by Jason Massey

12U

1st Place: Southern Illinois Roughnecks from St. Jacob Illinois coached by Carrie Tanner

2nd Place: Young Guns from Evansville Illinois coached by Jeremy Simpson

Presenting Sponsors are Lee's Sports and Rawlings. Supporting Sponsors are **Ward Chrysler Center of Carbondale, Ward KIA Center of Carbondale, Knight Hawk Coal L.L.C, and the Mathis Family in Du Quoin Illinois**, Banterra Bank (Du Quoin), Indoor Softball Inc., One Main Financial (Marion and Carbondale), Sam's Club (Marion), Fenton's Custom and Collision, B.A.M Tarps and Liners, Country Financial, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Dr. Isaac Davison, and Alongi's Italian Restaurant in Du Quoin.

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SO ILL Southern/Area 15 is one of 18 Areas of Special Olympics Illinois. Southern/Area15 was founded in 1970 and currently serves more than 900 traditional athletes, over 350 Young Athletes (ages 2-7), has 80 active agencies and more than 1,600 active volunteers. Southern/Area15 offers competition for athletes in 14 sports. For more information on Southern/Area 15, contact Area Director Paul Melzer at pmelzer@soill.org or 618-457-2969.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 22,000 traditional athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 21,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at www.soill.org.

