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**2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE GAMES RECEIVES \$5000 GRANT FROM
COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO HELP KIDS PARTICIPATE**

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(Colorado Springs, Dec.15)--- More than 100 kids in Colorado will get an unexpected chance to compete in the 2006 Rocky Mountain State Games, thanks to a \$5000 grant from the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

The financial support for kids that otherwise might not be able to afford the registration fees for the event, August 4-6, in Colorado Springs and along the Front Range, is a welcome gift for the State Games.

"This grant is especially rewarding in that it recognizes the progress that the Hall of Fame is making related to its core values, which include making sport affordable and accessible to all youth in Colorado," said Theo Gregory, Chairman of the Board of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

The Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, which stages the State Games, welcomed the support for the growing event.

"We are thrilled with this generous financial support from the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame," said SportsCorp President and CEO Tom Osborne. "This help will make it possible for more Colorado kids to realize their dream of competition in this special sports event that spotlights sportsmanship, annual induction ceremonies for individuals who have achieved distinction for their exploits, accomplishments and leadership in sports and athletic endeavors in the state of Colorado. The 2006 induction ceremonies will take place April 18 at the Marriott City Center in downtown Denver.

The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame hosted the 2005 State 4A and 5A Prep Championship Football Games at INVESCO Field at Mile High, with almost 12,000 fans on hand, and supports organizations in Colorado which include Special Olympics Colorado, Volunteers of America, Sportswomen of Colorado, Open Fairways, the Colorado High School Athletic Association, and Regis University's Lonnie Porter Summer Academy.

The Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Museum at INVESCO Field at Mile High, has hosted more than 100,000 visitors since it opened four years ago, and is open year around for visits, tours, and special events.

Colorado Sports Hall of Fame website: www.coloradosports.org

