





## Holiday Fun Awaits as Fantasy on Ice Moves to Liberty Station Benefits the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's

**San Diego – September 4, 2015 –** It may still be summer, but the NTC Foundation and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego are already thinking about holidays. This coming November, the NTC Arts & Culture District in Liberty Station will be turned into a Winter Wonderland as the popular Fantasy on Ice skating rink moves from its downtown San Diego location to the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fantasy on Ice presented by Sycuan runs from November 19 through January 3 and will be located at the NTC Arts & Culture District - the historic core of Liberty Station.

"We're looking forward to welcoming **Fantasy on Ice** and providing an opportunity for the community to add holiday skating to their reasons for visiting the NTC Arts & Culture District at Liberty Station," said Alan Ziter, Executive Director of the NTC Foundation. "The outdoor setting is not only one of the most historic and beautiful locations in San Diego, it also provides the opportunity to showcase all the growing cultural, shopping and dining opportunities at Liberty Station while helping support Rady Children's." Ziter plans to work with the NTC artists and cultural groups to program holiday-related activities, performances and "Holiday Gifts with a Creative Twist" promotions to ensure that "Winter is Way Cool at NTC" during the holiday season.

Last year, Fantasy on Ice helped raise more than \$130,000 for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's.

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Groundbreaking for the rink is planned for early September. Unlike the previous Downtown location, the Liberty Station rink will have state-of-the-art permanent infrastructure embedded in the ground for easy set up each year.

The rink hours will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week through the holiday season and will remain open until Jan. 3, 2016. It will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission, which includes the rental of the skates, is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. Season tickets with unlimited access are also available for \$40. Fantasy on Ice will be located in the plaza adjacent to the Dick Laub NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road.

This year's sponsors include:

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary SENTRE Partners SPIRE Construction NTC at Liberty Station NBC 7 San Diego 102.1 FM KPRI 104.5 FM Radio Latina

For additional information about Fantasy on Ice visit, <u>www.fantasyonicesd.com</u> or <u>www.ntclibertystation.com</u>

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## ABOUT NTC AT LIBERTY STATION AND THE NTC FOUNDATION

NTC at Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood. With 28 park-like acres and 16 of its 26 buildings

complete, NTC is home to nearly 80 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. NTC is under the stewardship of the not-for-profit NTC Foundation: www.ntclibertystation.com.



The NTC Foundation was established in 2000 by the City of San Diego as a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on experiencing the arts, culture, and creativity that are the hallmark of the San Diego region.

## ABOUT RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-SAN DIEGO

<u>Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego</u> is a 520-bed pediatric care facility providing the largest source of comprehensive pediatric medical services in San Diego, Southern Riverside and Imperial counties. Rady Children's is the only hospital in the San Diego area dedicated exclusively to pediatric healthcare and is the region's only designated pediatric trauma center. In June 2015, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Rady Children's among the best children's hospitals in the nation in all ten pediatric specialties the magazine surveyed. For more information, visit <u>www.rchsd.org</u> and find us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Vimeo</u>.