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USA Swimming Foundation Funds 12 Learn-to-Swim Programs Make a Splash Grants Totaling \$50,000 to go Toward Swimming Lessons for At-Risk Kids

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – In an effort to provide free or low-cost swimming lessons to economically-disadvantaged children, the USA Swimming Foundation will provide a total of \$50,000 in grant monies to 12 “Make a Splash Local Partners.” Each program will receive grants of up to \$5,000 by the year’s end.

The recipients, which span from Kalamazoo, Mich. to Seattle, Wash., were selected through an application process. The grant dollars were made available to [Make a Splash Local Partners](#). To be a “Make a Splash Local Partner,” the organization must donate a percentage of its lessons at no or a low cost to kids in need, or provide another no-cost water safety education opportunity to the public. In 2009, 50 local partner programs applied for the financial assistance. The 12 programs that received the highest scores were chosen for the grants.

With the grants from the USA Swimming Foundation, these Local Partner recipients will be expanding their programming by transporting children into their already free lessons, or by providing more scholarships and water safety education in their local communities.

Recipient programs:

Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco, CA
Clearfield City, Clearfield, UT
Gainesville Parks and Recreation Center, GA
Great Lakes Aquatics Swim America, Kalamazoo, MI
JCC of Greater Baltimore, MD
LK Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
Safe N Sound, Seattle, WA
Swim America-IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
Swim-In Zone, Center Valley, PA
Valley of the Moon Aquatics Swim America, Sonoma, CA
YMCA of Greater Springfield, MA
Pikes Peak YMCA, Downtown Colorado Springs, CO

The Make a Splash initiative works by educating parents through a [national awareness campaign](#), and providing opportunities for kids to learn to swim through its [140 local partner clubs](#) in 33 states. To date, more than 164,000 children have taken lessons through Make a Splash Local Partners.

To learn how your club can become a Make a Splash Local Partner, click [here](#).

About USA Swimming

As the National Governing Body for competitive swimming in the United States, USA Swimming formulates the rules, implements policies and procedures, conducts national championships, disseminates safety and sports medicine information and selects athletes to represent the United States in international competition. USA Swimming has more than 300,000 members nationwide and sanctions more than 7,000 events each year. For more information, visit usaswimming.org.

About the USA Swimming Foundation

The USA Swimming Foundation was established in 2004 with the purpose of using the sport of swimming to improve lives and make communities stronger. The Foundation focuses its resources in three main areas: making children safer in and around the water to reduce drowning; encouraging diversity in the sport of swimming; and using swimming to promote a healthy lifestyle to combat issues such as childhood obesity. The USA Swimming Foundation is the premier charitable organization that supports the sport of swimming in the United States from grassroots to gold medals and is recognized as a national leadership organization for promoting water safety. It is the Foundation's ongoing goal to teach every child in America how to swim. For more information, visit swimfoundation.org.