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**It's A Gold Medal Day for Hartford Area  
School Children and Employees of The Hartford  
*Three Gold Medalists to Share the Ice*  
Sunday, March 4 1:20-2:20p.m.  
International Skating Center of Connecticut  
1375 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT**

Two-time Olympic Gold Medalist **Ekaterina Gordeeva** and 1998 Olympic Gold Medalist **Ilia Kulik** join employees of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: HIG) to celebrate the achievements of students from the City of Hartford's Fred D. Wish School. For the past eight weeks, employees of The Hartford and coaches from the International Skating Center have taught 50 students how to ice skate as the children have participated in The Hartford's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Learn to Skate program.

World Champion **Shae Lynn Bourne** will also be participating with **Ekaterina Gordeeva** and **Ilia Kulik**. These three champions will lead the teaching effort, display their skating talents and speak with the children about their training, skating and experiences.

To participate in the nine-week Learn to Skate program, 50 elementary students from the Wish school (kindergarten-fourth grade) promised to maintain high academic standards and positive behavior. Their hard work and dedication will be rewarded this Sunday at an award ceremony and banquet. Employees of The Hartford, ISCC coaches and elite skaters will also participate.