



THAYER TUTT AWARD RECIPIENT CAROLYN KRUSE

Carolyn Kruse, a Colorado Springs resident since 1963, is one of the city's unsung heroes for her generous philanthropic and community sports contributions. Kruse has dedicated more than four decades of service and personal support to sports in the Pikes Peak region.

She has served as a prominent official with the U.S Figure Skating Association, helped to plan the Colorado Springs World Arena, volunteered at the first three USOC National Sports Festivals, served as a team leader for the USA figure skating delegation at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games and has served on the Boards of the World Arena and The Colorado Springs Sports Corporation. She is the current Sports Corp vice-chair.

There is almost no recent sports event staged in the city that she has not helped to become a resounding success. She and her husband, Clif, have been generous with their personal financial support of countless events and programs.

In 2000, Kruse was honored with the Col. F. Don Miller Award for her lasting contributions to the Colorado Springs sports community. The Women's Sports Foundation honored her in 1990 with its Recognition Award of Outstanding Service in Women's Sports.

The William Thayer Tutt Award is presented annually to a citizen dedicated to the importance of sports as a way to benefit the Colorado Springs economy and contribute to the quality of life for citizens of the Pikes Peak region.