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## FLORIDA REGION TO RECEIVE UP TO \$20,000 IN PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The Norelli Family Foundation will be making a \$5,000 donation starting in 2015 and will increase the amount each year to cap at \$20,000.

**Eustis, FL – December 4, 2014** – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is honored and excited to announce that a private donation from **Joseph and Judy Norelli** of the Norelli Family Foundation will provide up to \$20,000 in scholarship money for Florida Region athletes. These scholarships are awarded each year in the spring at the annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony. The next ceremony is set for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Joseph Norelli**, co-founder of the Norelli Family Foundation, said that through their long term association, involvement and support of the USA Volleyball program, they recognized the importance and the essential need of the USA Volleyball scholarship assistance program. “The Norelli Family Foundation is proud to lend their support to the Florida Region of USA Volleyball in their efforts to promote and support the continuing education of these young athletes through their upcoming college careers,” Norelli said.

This will be the first renewable scholarship that the Florida Region will be able to offer. Once an athlete is awarded a scholarship, it will be renewable for the same amount each school year if they continue to hold a suitable grade point average. Any interested high school seniors can apply online beginning in January of 2015. Applicants must be Florida Region members and must complete the official application. A scholarship committee will handle the selection process.

**Steve Bishop**, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, added, “I would like to commend the Norelli Family Foundation for their generous support of our scholarship program for high school seniors in the Florida Region. This program was started in 2007 under the leadership of our former Commissioner, **James Phillips**. Mr. Phillips and I had a passion to create a scholarship fund and give back to high school seniors that were finishing up their junior volleyball careers. Since 2007 we have awarded 72 high school seniors with over \$40,000 in scholarship support to help them jump start their college careers. This endowment by the Norelli Family Foundation will start at \$5,000 in 2015 and increase yearly to cap out at \$20,000 annually. This level of support was only a dream back in 2007 and now we are proud to announce that it has come to fruition. Speaking on behalf of myself, Mr. Phillips, and the Region we are humbled and honored by this donation!”

To find out more about Florida Region scholarships, please visit [www.floridavolleyball.org](http://www.floridavolleyball.org).

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### **About Norelli Family Foundation**

The Norelli Family Foundation is a charitable foundation based in Central Florida. The foundation was established in December of 2013 and is a not-for-profit organization as described in section 501 c3 of the Internal Revenue code. The Norelli Family Foundation's primary focus is "All About Kids." The foundation also supports a wide range of social, human services and other charitable purposes.

### **About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:**

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves over 12,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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