



Two TeamUP Members Named to 2015 U.S. Paralympics Cycling National Team

*The Get Back UP Today movement grows as TeamUP members
Jamie Whitmore and Jill Walsh cycle despite paralysis*

Greensboro, NC – December 15, 2014 – Two members of TeamUP, the first and only national team of people with foot drop, or paralysis of the lower leg, ankle, or foot, have been named to the 2015 U.S. Paralympics Cycling National Team.

The U.S. Paralympics, a division of the United States Olympic Committee, recently announced the appointment of Jill Walsh, as well as reigning world champion and 2014 ESPY Award winner, Jamie Whitmore, to the National A Team, among seven other athletes. Both Walsh and Whitmore are full-time athletes, mothers and wives who refuse to let their disabilities keep them from doing what they love. The U.S. team is building off of the momentum from a successful 2014 season that saw the team take home the overall and the gold medal count with 18 medals at the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships held in Greenville, South Carolina.

Walsh and Whitmore also compete as members of TeamUP, formed in 2013. Each of the 11 members face limited mobility in one or both of their legs: a condition known as foot drop. They're able to walk, run and cycle with the help of a technologically advanced, carbon fiber line of orthotic devices known as the ToeOFF® family of braces, made by Allard USA. The TeamUP members' participation in athletic events and public education efforts support its Get Back UP Today movement, which is designed to encourage others with foot drop to overcome mobility issues and take back their lives.

Among the causes for the paralysis associated with foot drop are partial foot, cerebral palsy, stroke, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease (CMT), spinal cord injury and many other conditions. Meet the TeamUP members and learn more about their efforts to help others overcome foot drop at: www.GetBackUPToday.com.

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