



(L to R): SCSU's Holly Roberts, Diana Karouzos and Brittany Toor at the 2nd Annual American Girl Day.

As part of the overall experience at St. Cloud State University, the student-athletes are encouraged to give back to the community through volunteer activities. The St. Cloud area is supportive of Husky athletics and the department returns that support via outreach programs. Whether it's working with other SCSU students or getting out in the community, the Huskies contribute to making St. Cloud and the Tri-County area a better place to live.



SCSU's Danielle Hirsch giving instructions to a youth hockey player in 2009-10.

During the past few years, members of the SCSU women's hockey team have taken part in many different community service events. The past five January's, the teams have visited five local area elementary schools over the past five winter breaks, in means to spark community interest in women's hockey and help kick off the elementary floor hockey units. Schools that have been visited by the Huskies include: Westwood Elementary, Talahi Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary and Kennedy Elementary.

Fundamentals and skills of hockey that were covered included passing, stick-handling, goaltending, shooting and a combination station. At the end of the sessions, a total of 2,000 women's hockey game tickets were distributed amongst the elementary students, as well as autographed posters and schedules of the team and coaches.

Women's hockey players also took part in on-ice events. St. Cloud State hosted its annual "Skate With The Huskies" program in October at the University's National Hockey Center. The event was open to the public and admission was free. "Skate With The Huskies" is a way to allow fans a chance to hit the ice at the National Hockey Center with members of the men's and women's ice hockey teams from St. Cloud State. Players were available for autographs during the fun-filled activity.

The Husky women's hockey team has also hosted a fundamental hockey clinic for selected girls' youth teams from Central Minnesota the past five seasons at the National Hockey Center. The clinic featured the Husky student-athletes teaching passing, shooting, stick-handling and playing small area games with the youth. Over the past five seasons, over 400 youth hockey girls from Central Minnesota have attended St. Cloud State women's hockey free Youth Hockey Clinics in the National Hockey Center. All participants received a free water bottle and a ticket to a Husky women's hockey game at the conclusion of the clinic.

Last winter, members of the St. Cloud State University women's hockey team served as featured guests at the 2nd Annual American Girl Day at the Bernick's Arena in Sartell on Monday, Jan. 18. The event was an Open Skate session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for local area girls to skate with their American Girl Dolls. The Husky student-athletes were able to skate with the youth and even do the "Hockey Pokey" on the ice with the youth participants.



(L to R): SCSU's Kelly Meierhofer, Katie Allen and Ashley Nixon giving instructions at the 2009-10 free Youth Clinic in the NHC.



SCSU's Ashley Nixon giving instructions to a youth player in the NHC.



SCSU's former defender Jenaca Fredheim sharing words of wisdom with a youth player in the NHC.



SCSU's women's hockey squad after their free youth clinic in 2008-09.



SCSU's Meaghan Pezon, Holly Roberts and Callie Dahl with Sartell youth hockey players in 2009-10.