



ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



"Let no one sit on the sidelines."

ADAPTING AMIDST CHALLENGING TIMES

To say 2020 has been a challenging year is a bit of an understatement. Many of us have not experienced a pandemic in our lifetime that has so completely changed the way we live our lives. The importance of social interaction has never been more clear in this time of virtual learning, Zoom meetings, and quarantine. Handshakes and hugs have been replaced by FaceTime conversations, visits behind plexiglass, and catching up while six feet apart, leaving many of us longing for the days life can seem a little more normal and a little less confined.

For our participants especially, life can seem even more challenging when opportunities to be mobile and active all but disappear. When COVID-19 forced a shutdown of our weekly adaptive programs and cancellation of our Desert Challenge Games, we knew we had to keep people connected and adapt to a new, virtual environment. Adaptive yoga, game night, drawing and cooking classes, workout sessions, "chalk talks," a Home Workout Challenge, Bingo, and a dance party were all hosted virtually to keep our participants active and engaged. We even started planning for a 2020 Desert Challenge Games Virtual Air Rifle and Archery Competition scheduled to take place the first week of September and a Virtual Race in November...because a year without *any* Desert Challenge Games is something we could not accept! Through those efforts, we remained focused on keeping our athletes active and safe, while providing a social outlet so critical for someone with a disability. A special shoutout to my team and our partners at the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities for being creative while we were all forced to sit on the sidelines.

While life before coronavirus seems so long ago, we are fortunate to have closed out 2019 by hosting 116 players and coaches at our West Coast Conference Bid Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, taking 32 individuals to California for an unforgettable trip to Disneyland, and getting a bit of a facelift to the Broadway Recreation Center with beautiful new windows installed! While our doors are closed, we continue to plan for the future and look forward to new programs, events, and social activities we will be able to provide when we can all be together again!

Sincerely,



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ABOUT ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS

MISSION

Recognizing the importance of recreation, leisure and competitive opportunities that contribute to quality of life, the primary mission of Arizona Disabled Sports is to provide a wide variety of programs and activities to individuals with disabilities. Through participation, the athlete will realize individual accomplishment, self-esteem, respect for themselves and others.

VISION

Our vision is a community that creates opportunity and empowers individuals of all abilities through sports and recreation.

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VALUES

Quality of life should not be limited by a physical or intellectual disability. It is possible to remove boundaries, elevate expectations, fulfill dreams, enhance self-worth and empower self actualization of individuals with disabilities through participation in athletic competition and recreational activities. Individuals with disabilities should be encouraged to participate fully in activities in our society.

BROADWAY REC CENTER

Located at 59 East Broadway Road in Mesa, the Broadway Recreation Center is home to AzDS and hosts many community groups, including basketball, volleyball, roller derby, soccer and adaptive programs on a regular basis. If you are interested in utilizing the BRC for your upcoming activity, please contact Taylor Wilson: (480) 835-6273 or taylor@arizonadisabledsports.com

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ANNUAL AWARDS



Jay Coyner Award - Jen Chaillie

As a member of the Arizona Heat track team, Jarrell "Jay" Coyner exemplified what it means to be a team player. In his honor, the Jay Coyner Award is given to an Arizona Heat athlete that exemplifies a dedication to sports, commitment to training, and a positive influence on his or her teammates. For her many years of involvement as an AzDS athlete - willing to try just about anything we have to offer, including kayaking, skiing, hand cycling, and swimming - this year's Jay Coyner Award winner is Jennifer Chaille.



Paula Rudow Award - Kaitlynn Teubner

By being kind, showing compassion for others, and always trying her best, Paula Rudow exemplified what it means to show good sportsmanship and encourage those around her. To remember her legacy, the Paula Rudow award is given to a Team Mesa athlete that supports others and always tries their best. This year's recipient demonstrates kindness and determination in all that she does, participating in swimming, golf, bocce ball, floor hockey, and basketball with the Bulldogs. She is a pure joy to be around and never stops finding ways to be involved. This year's Paula Rudow Award recipient is Kaitlynn Teubner.

Coach of the Year - Ed Hiebert

The Coach of the Year exemplifies an exceptional commitment to athlete growth, enhances adaptive programs, and serves as a key member of the AzDS team. This year's recipient has been so vital in the development of our adaptive kayaking program, which continues to grow and serve more individuals with disabilities every year. Congratulations to Ed Hiebert for being selected as this year's Coach of the Year!



Volunteer of the Year - Mark Grant

There are few individuals out there that give so much of their time to further the adaptive sports opportunities than Mark Grant. As co-founder of Arizona Disabled Sports, Mark has spent over 30 years making sure people with disabilities have opportunities to participate in sports and recreation. He currently serves as a volunteer coach for our Arizona Heat air rifle program and partner for our Team Mesa golf program and is always the first to lend a hand if we need it. Please join us in congratulating this year's Volunteer of the Year, Mark Grant!





TEAM MESA BULLDOGS

SPORTS & RECREATION - ATHLETE TOTALS

We are fortunate to have many athletes with intellectual disabilities participating in more than one adaptive sports program. The totals below reflect individual athletes who are registered for each program.

SUMMER

TOTAL: 276



Aquatics
94



Bowling
172



Adaptive Sports Camp
10

WINTER/SPRING

TOTAL: 383



Archery Clinic
14



Basketball
98



Bowling
117



Cheerleading
19



Dragon Boat
14



Hiking Club
20



Off-Broadway
43



Track & Field
58

THANK YOU COACHES!

- Nick Arneri
- Christian Atkinson
- Jamie Bauer
- Marli Bennett
- Kelly Clifford
- Olivia Connolly
- Carolyn Dean
- Liz Dean
- Eric DiBella
- Eli Duncan
- Ani Erickson
- Matt Erickson
- Nicole Havsta
- Elissa Henthorn
- Marcia Heywood
- Tyler Hoeft
- Carol Hopkins
- Madison Jackson
- Teresita Krenytsky
- Theresa Lares
- Sharon Minniear
- Joe Noel
- Savannah Noel
- Mackenzie Pagel
- Katie Pankonen
- Harley Ruda
- Rebekah Rudow
- Michelle Schultz
- Elise Sheldon
- Adam Tinkam
- John Underwood
- Cherie Vance
- Lisa Wilson
- Denise Wolf-Simmons

FALL

TOTAL: 488



Aquatics
109



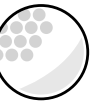
Bocce Ball
26



Bowling
180



Healthier You WW
19



Golf
49



Off-Broadway
39

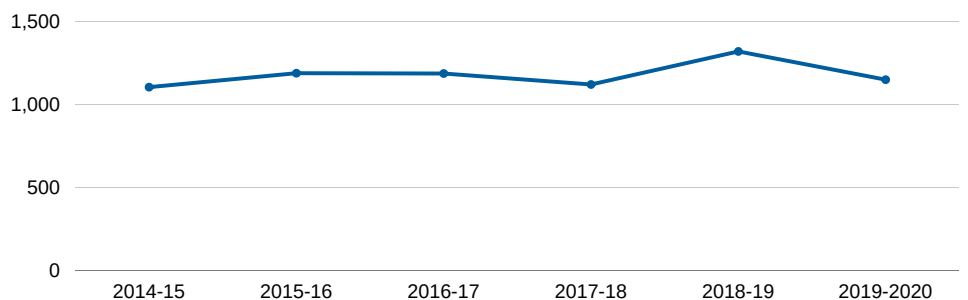


Soccer
46



Hiking Club
20

REGISTRATIONS



TEAM MESA BULLDOGS

COMPETITIONS

- 98 Four Peaks Aquatics Competition
- 53 SOAZ Fall Championships
- 34 Four Peaks Golf
- 19 Four Peaks Bocce Ball
- 35 Mesa/Chandler Soccer League
- 188 Four Peaks Bowling
- 35 Four Peaks Soccer
- 31 Unified Bowling Tournament
- 36 Floor Ball Scrimmage with Chandler
- 71 Gold League Basketball
- 17 Unified Gold League Basketball
- 107 Four Peaks Cheer & Basketball Tournament
- 19 SOAZ State Cheer
- 83 Four Peaks Track & Field

TGIF SOCIALS

- 55 Fat Cats Mesa Movie, Dinner & Fun
- 60 Sweetheart Dance
- 55 Goldfield Ghost Town
- 60 A Night at the Movies
- 51 Night at the Museum
- 43 Phoenix Mercury Basketball Game
- 52 Diamondbacks Game
- 122 Goodbye to Summer Swim Party
- 56 Boot Scootin' Country Line Dancing
- 49 Medieval Times Dinner & Show
- 104 Halloween Bash
- 62 Hale Theater
- 80 Miniature Golf & Dinner
- 124 Mistletoe Magic Dinner & Dance
- 35 Holiday Shopping & Dinner

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 60 California Adventure Trip
- 116 Camp Fiesta Summer Camp
- 40 Cool Pines - Bearizona
- 75 Movie in the Ballpark





ARIZONA HEAT

SPORTS TRAINING - ATHLETE TOTALS

Our athletes with physical disabilities often train and compete in multiple adaptive sports programs. The totals below indicate individual athlete registrations for each sport.

FALL



Junior Wheelchair Basketball

5



Power Soccer

13



Kayaking

11



Short Distance Cycling (7)

Long Distance Cycling (8)

15



Bowling

13



Indoor Archery

6

TOTAL: 63

SPRING



Power Soccer

7



Track & Field

22



Archery

34



Swimming

7



Air Gun

15

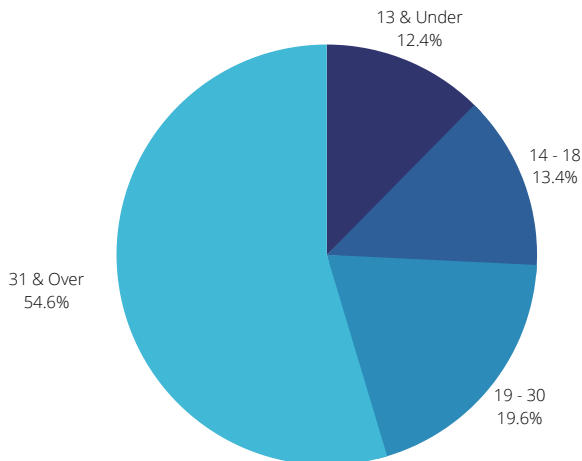


Wheelchair Tennis

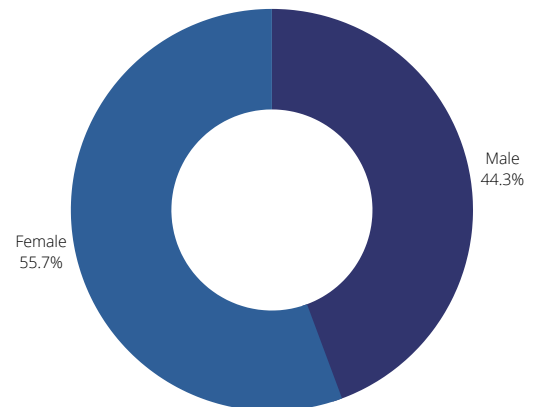
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TOTAL: 94

AGE BREAKDOWN



GENDER



ARIZONA HEAT

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 37 Pedal N Paddle Fest
- 8 El Tour De Tucson
- 17 Holiday Bowling Tournament
- 116 West Coast Conference Bid Regional
Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
- 26 SkiAble Adaptive Alpine Experience

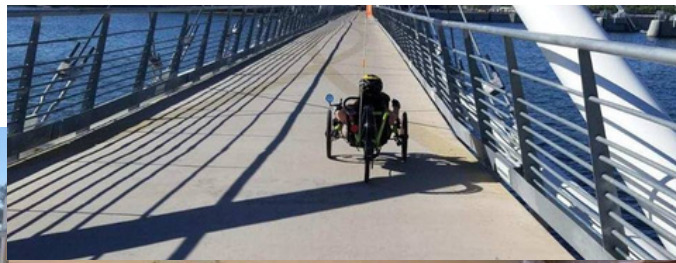


EVENT TESTIMONIAL

"I just wanted to express my appreciation for your program. My husband, once an avid skier, was a participant in your program for a couple of years and they are some of my fondest memories. Alan's battle with a brain tumor began in 2006 and sadly ended last year in April, just after this event usually takes place. We were unable to attend his final year, due to the deterioration the disease had wreaked havoc on his physical body, but I know his heart was on the slopes as he reminisced on his time there with your amazing volunteers. I remember crying frozen tears the moment Alan was able to stand and ski, the first time in years since his diagnosis, when he participated in 2017...it was nothing short of a miracle from my perspective and the smile on his face was priceless! Words cannot adequately express my appreciation, not only for the services you provide but for helping shine a light on what is most important...giving people a chance to do normal things under abnormal circumstances. Because of your organization, I have sweet memories, even during a very dark time, to recall and it makes me smile."

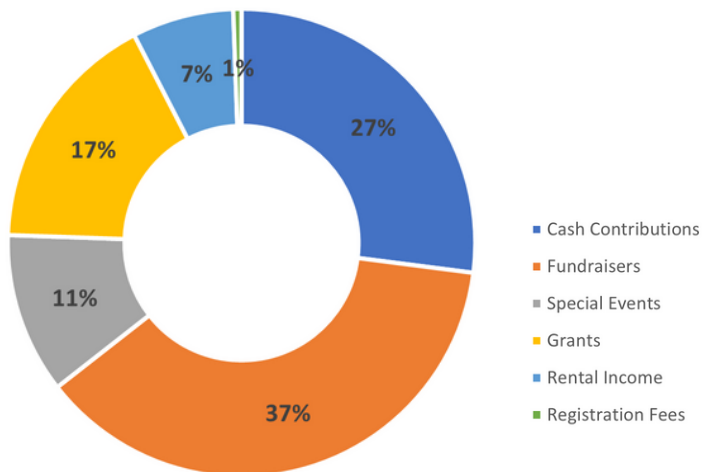
THANK YOU COACHES & ATHLETE AMBASSADORS!

- Gillian Aitken
- Austin Alcorn
- Marli Bennett
- Tim Binning
- Gail Capshaw
- John Countryman
- John Foster
- Mark Grant
- Tyler Grant
- Katie Griffith
- Ed Hiebert
- Simon Holzapfel
- Kevin Miller
- Justin Murphy
- Michelle Nguyen
- Barb Peacock
- Jeff Ramsdell
- Dalton Schrum
- John Dee Schrum
- Dan Subaitis
- Judy Subaitis
- David Trujillo
- Judson VanStee
- Zachary Wharton
- Taylor Wilson

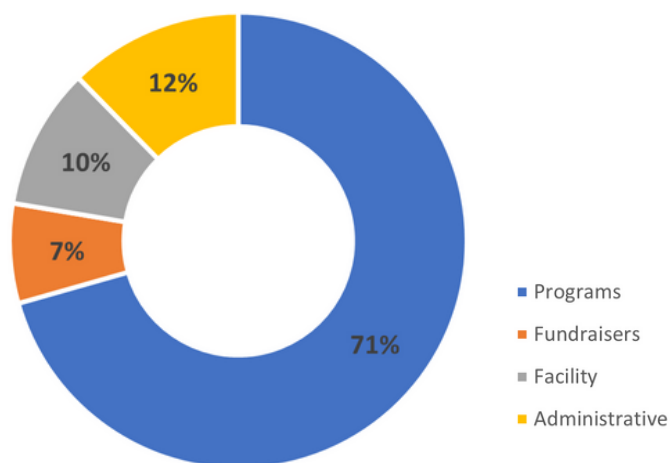


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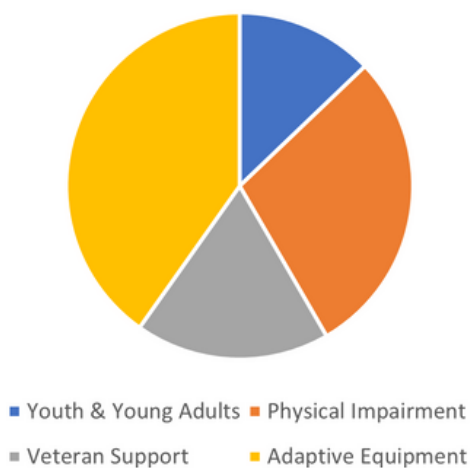
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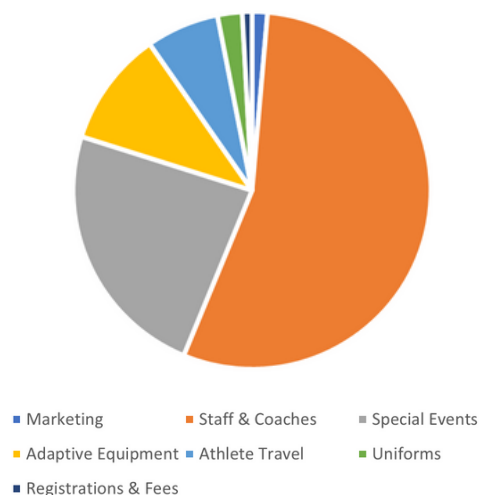
EXPENSES



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PROGRAM EXPENSES



CASH CONTRIBUTIONS Tax Credit Donations, United Way Donations, Sponsors and Donors.

GRANTS Restricted Grant Income.

SPECIAL EVENTS SkiAble, Disneyland Adventure, El Tour de Tucson, Holiday Bowling Tournament, West Coast Conference Bid Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, SportsFest, and Pedal N Paddle Fest.

FUNDRAISERS Ability Ball, Birdies for Charity and Athlete Fundraisers.

REGISTRATION FEES Program Registration Fees.

RENTAL INCOME Broadway Recreation Center Community Renters and Equipment Rentals.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF AzDS!

SPONSORS

Champion - \$25,000
Duck N Run Golf Tournament

Diamond - \$5,000
United Truck & Equipment
Greg & Ronda Marsh

Gold (Ability Ball) - \$2,200
JFK Electrical Enterprises, Inc.

VIP (Ability Ball) - \$1,500
12 News
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Centerpiece (Ability Ball) - \$1,500
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