Celebrating 40 Years of Service to the Adaptive Community
Dear Friends of Wasatch Adaptive Sports,

Forty years ago, I helped start a small program out of the Snowbird Mountain School to teach kids with adaptive needs how to ski. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that WAS would grow into an organization that now provides thousands of adaptive recreational lessons in a wide range of sports throughout the year. We have come so far from where we started and it is because of the incredible generosity of WAS donors that the organization has been able to evolve and flourish. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of our programming. WAS continues to grow stronger because of your commitment to our mission.

As you’ll see through this report, WAS has had a record-breaking year. We exceeded previous marks in participation, volume of lessons, scholarships provided, and fundraising while also introducing WAS’s new rental program, establishing partnerships with additional medical providers and local nonprofits, and participating in specialized impact studies to measure the benefits of our programming. Much lies ahead for the organization as we continue to grasp new opportunities that align with WAS’s mission. We are excited to further expand our current programming while also exploring new areas for growth as well as broader field-building work with far-reaching significance. None of this would be possible without our amazing staff, loyal volunteers, dedicated board of directors, and benevolent donors. I look forward to experiencing all that is to come along with each of you!

Sincerely,

Peter Mandler
Founder
Wasatch Adaptive Sports (WAS) is guided by our **mission to encourage individuals with adaptive needs and their families to realize their potential and engage in active living through year-round recreational, educational, and social programs.**

WAS aims to create local and affordable adaptive recreational opportunities by providing private and group lessons for adults, children, and veterans in a wide range of sports including skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing in the winter and cycling, mountain biking, kayaking, and paddle boarding in the summer. Each of our programs focuses on increasing independence and mobility in a social environment.

WAS has been and continues to be an organization that gives my dad a better quality of life. My dad was an avid skier and biker until his stroke a few years ago…WAS gives him the opportunity to once again ski and bike by providing the right equipment and the right support…He loves being able to be outside and moving again. He looks forward every week to the activities WAS gives him.

— Lynn Leigh
Year in Review

871 participants served through 4,165 lessons

- Adults 46%
- Children 36%
- Veterans 18%
- Local Residents 96%
- On Scholarship 96%

Lesson Growth
- Adults: 46%
- Children: 36%
- Veterans: 18%

Miles Biked
- 2014–15: 3000
- 2015–16: 4000
- 2016–17: 5000

Laps Skied
- 2013–14: 1000
- 2015–16: 3000
- 2016–17: 4000
2016–17 Highlights

Launched rental program allowing participants to borrow equipment to be used outside of instructor-led lessons in order to further promote independence.

Private charitable donations increased by 28% over the previous year.

Completed WAS’s first impact study in conjunction with medical professionals to measure program effects on participants’ health.

Expanded program offerings into Utah County with skiing at Sundance Mountain Resort and cycling on the Provo River Trail.

Leveraged new partnerships and expanded existing relationships to deepen community impact including associations with support groups and practitioners from:
Survey Results

Survey respondents reported improvements in the following areas due to WAS participation:

Confidence | Quality of Life | Mental Health | Strength | Independence
---|---|---|---|---
50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100%

Survey respondents were pleased with the following facets of their WAS experience:

Teaching Progression | Instructors | Scholarships | Experience
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50% | 60% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 100%
FY2016-17 Financial Overview
Donors

Thank you for enabling WAS to provide our life-changing programming. We could not do it without you!

$10,000+
- The Bass Family
- The Byrne Family
- Christy Sports
- George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation
- Mitch Edwards
- Paul Gongaware
- The Lawson Family
- Marriott Daughters Foundation
- Jerry Moyes and Swift Charities
- Nancy S. Searle & The John G. Searle Family Funds
- Doug Smith Subaru
- Snowbird Resort
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- Utah Food Services
- Forever Young Foundation
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- Sorenson Legacy Foundation
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- SelectHealth
- Snell & Wilmer LLP
- Sysco
- TSA Motorsports
- US Foods
- Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation
- Jack Walter
- Westgate Resorts
- Young Automotive Group

$1,000 - $2,499
- Active Luxe LLC
- Alpine Art
- Doug Anderson
- Aqua Aston Hospitality
- Arizona Biltmore Resort
- Michael & Melissa Boxer
- Ed Cafarro
- Cambria Health Solutions
- Carlson Distributing
- Renee Cazier
- Eric Dowdle Folk Art
- Dynastar / Lange
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- The Framing Establishment
- Judith Gooch
- HD Supply
- Elaine Hadfield
- Jack Heath
- JetBlue
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- Spectra Contract Flooring
- Stee Rives
- TJX Foundation
- Utah Grizzlies
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- Young's Market Company

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- Momentum Climbing Gym
- Mountain Dentistry
- Mountain Hardware
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- Red Mountain Resort & Spa
- Renaissance Orlando at Seaworld
- Restaurant Store Equipment Company
- Run On Trails
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- Ski Utah
- Harry Sladich
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The 2016–2017 Team

It is really hard to express how grateful Brittany and I are for the time and skill spent to help her to learn to ski and bike....I can honestly say it has made her a more positive person, kept her active, and has helped keep a smile on her face!

— Debi Hancock, Brittany’s mom
I am the mother of a 13 year old girl with cerebral palsy. She is beautiful and amazing though craves normalcy daily...The staff are the main reason we come [to WAS]. They are so good with my daughter, truly care about her safety, her self-esteem and the best they can do for her. This program is the highlight of our year.

Thank you,
— Hollen Partington, Leah’s mother