Dear WAS Community,

With your help this past year, our community has grown larger, more energized, and more generous than ever before. The engagement of 235 new students and 227 new donors defined Wasatch Adaptive Sports’ 40th anniversary. Our equipment rental program also enabled an unprecedented number of students to recreate independently with their friends and family. Thanks to the generosity of new and existing donors, the Scholarship Assistance Fund continues to dissolve financial barriers to participation. Peter Mandler, our Founder, was the seed for this incredible growth. His vision in 1977 originated with one student and has since helped thousands to realize their potential.

Looking ahead, WAS continues to explore diverse solutions to help more people establish an active lifestyle in our community. We are aligning organizational objectives with the goals of our students by creating a roadmap to independence through individual and group sessions, social outings, and the expansion of our equipment rental program. To make all of this possible, WAS established a second office in Murray, Utah in the fall of 2018. While WAS will remain at Snowbird in the winter, this office and adjoining equipment storage space will improve our ability to connect with the community as we work to expand our geographical footprint along the Wasatch Front.

You are the greatest champion of our endeavor to create recreational opportunities for children, adults, and veterans with adaptive needs. We look forward to working with you to provide essential programming for our students in the months and years to come.

See you on the trails!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jahp
Executive Director
Dear Friends,

It’s hard to believe that another year has come to a close. It has been a true honor to have worked alongside the volunteer leadership and the staff on all of the wonderful things that have come to fruition for Wasatch Adaptive Sports this year.

We started the year with a new leader at our helm in Executive Director Elizabeth Jahp, who previously helped guide WAS as Associate Director. Elizabeth has been working in collaboration with Founder Peter Mandler, a growing staff team, and the board of directors to take important steps to strengthen WAS as well as the life-changing programming for which the organization is renowned. WAS’s leadership team has also been actively engaged in a strategic planning process this year which focuses on expanding programmatic reach and impact while investing in the organization’s infrastructure so that WAS can remain sustainable and continue to flourish into the future.

I am thrilled to watch this bright future unfold and for all that lies ahead for WAS. To all of those who enable WAS’s work, thank you for your ongoing generosity and commitment to our students. We couldn’t do it without you.

Sincerely,

Scott Beck
President and Chief Executive Officer of Visit Salt Lake
Board Chair

Photo: Breonna Burnett
The mission of Wasatch Adaptive Sports is 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 empowers students to maximize independence and live happier, healthier lives through the following programs:

**PRIVATE INSTRUCTION**
WAS offers private instruction in 13 different recreational activities. These lessons focus on teaching the mechanics of each activity so that students are able to build skills and independence in a fun and supportive environment.

**RENTAL PROGRAM**
WAS’s Rental Program provides an affordable and accessible way for individuals to borrow adaptive recreational equipment to use on their own time alongside friends and family without the financial burden of having to purchase the specialized equipment themselves.

**VETERANS PROGRAM**
WAS’s Veterans Program serves veterans living with physical, cognitive, and emotional difficulties by getting these men and women out of the home and participating in recreational activities that promote community integration, self-esteem, and healthy living.
YEAR IN REVIEW

501 Students
2,704 Lessons

- 61% Adults
- 24% Children
- 15% Veterans

88% Lessons on Scholarship
91% Students Local to Utah
MORE THAN JUST FUN!

While WAS students have a blast during programming, students also reported improvements in the following areas due to program participation:

- Strength: 90%
- Mobility: 87%
- Overall Physical Health: 87%
- Endurance: 88%
- Confidence: 97%
- Self Esteem: 95%
- Overall Mental Health: 94%
- Independence in Recreation: 89%
- Independence in Daily Life: 79%
- Overall Quality of Life: 90%
- Relationships: 85%
THE WAS DIFFERENCE

“When I first became affiliated with Wasatch Adaptive Sports, I didn’t know what to expect. I had worked with a few other adaptive programs and my experience had been good, but not great. I felt like I was just passed off as another client wanting a quick thrill on the slopes and left to go on my way. I immediately found out that this would not be the case when it came to WAS. Between my relentless drive for wanting to become an independent monoskier and my instructors’ ambition to be the best they can be, I knew I would be set up for success. For the first time, I was able to ski without being tethered. I finally had instructors who cared enough and had the confidence in my ability to become independent in my skiing.”

— Tyler Schilhabel
## A YEAR OF GROWTH

During 2017, WAS experienced tremendous growth in a number of areas, including:

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WAS works closely with community partners in order to leverage resources and reach prospective students when they are most in need of programming.
THE PEDERSEN FAMILY

“Penny and I (her dad) came to WAS with the goal of finding an activity that we could do together as a family, as well as an activity that Penny could do independently. Penny has a lot of drive and also loves to have fun, so that factored into our decision as well. WAS offered all of those things plus so much more. Penny uses a wheelchair and had never skied before this winter. WAS instructors started out by teaching Penny how to use the bi-ski so that she became familiar with how the device works. They taught her the mechanics of skiing including learning how to initiate her own turns and that powder skiing is the best skiing. Once Penny started to progress in her skiing and build her own personal skill set, the WAS instructors incorporated me into the lessons and taught me how to tether Penny’s bi-ski, load and unload the chairlift, and a range of other skills needed to ski independently with Penny. By the end of ski season, we were skiing on our own and even ran the gates as a pair during the Steve Young Ski Classic! Penny looks forward to every ski lesson and activity with WAS and now wants to be an Olympic skier. Through Wasatch Adaptive Sports she has found things she can do without boundaries.”

— Ryan Pedersen
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

OPERATING REVENUE
$934,798

OPERATING EXPENSES
$940,094

Events
Program Revenue
Grantmakers
Individuals
In-kind

General/Management
Fundraising
Program

82%
41%
33%
12%
10%
2%
8%
THE 2017 TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Scott Beck, Chair
Judith Gooch, MD, Vice-President
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Miguel Rovira
Steve Young
Megan Zurkan

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Elizabeth Jahp, Executive Director
Eileen May-West, Program Manager
Abbie Sauter, Development Manager
Robin Cecil, Special Events Manager
Laura Benson/Marina Doss, Operations Coordinator

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Ed Chauner
Michelle Fisher
Sidney Fleecs
Jodi Flickinger
Maddy Grainger
Ed Heinrich
Lindsay Jorgensen
Danielle Kuykendall
Justin Latimer
Alex Mansir
Justin May-West
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Caroline Miller
Casey Patten
Emily Paulson
Amanda Pierson
Amelia Praggastis
Matt Ryan
Tyler Schilhabel
Dave Schoeneck
Bob Simon
Laura Vincent
Carolyn Wale
Bryson Webb
Howard Wright

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Liza Johnson
Erik Jones
Amy Kryzminski
Janie LeRoy
Rob Maxfield
Matt Meredith
Nicole Nagata
Cathy Nielsen
Ryan Relyea
Larry Roof
Steve Ross
Tamica Ross
Allan Russell
Dan Schilling
Larry Scott
Sarah Smart
Christian Smith
Jessie Smith
Dave Watson
Katy Windels
Phil Yorgason

“I’m so grateful for WAS as the organization has helped me to be stronger, in better shape, and more confident while pushing myself to reach new goals. Plus the cost would be prohibitive for me without the availability of scholarships. Thank you!”
— Phil Yorgason
“This program is such a blessing to Gabe and our family. We can’t express enough our gratitude and appreciation for WAS. He is outgoing and witty and I honestly know that the experiences he has been given by WAS is why he is as confident as he is today.”
— Lonni Casados

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

$10,000+
American United Federal Credit Union
Anonymous
The Bass Family
The Byrne Family
Cross Charitable Foundation
George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation
Janet Q. Lawson Foundation
The Lawson Family
Marriott Daughters Foundation
Doug Smith Subaru
Snowbird Resort
Sorenson Legacy Foundation
Utah Food Services
Forever Young Foundation
Steve & Barb Young

$5,000 – $9,999
The Beninati Family
Kevin Boyle
R. Harold Burton Foundation
Rob Carpenter
Lawrence T. & Janet T. Dee Foundation
Willard L. Eccles Foundation
Tom & Jan Jones
Stefani & Scott Kimche
Stephen Mason
Stephen & Donnajean Provin
Ryan Relyea
Kim & Richard Rosenbaum
Scott Scharman
Nancy S. Searle
Skipio
Subaru of America
Robert & Sue Sullivan
Sysco
Visit Salt Lake
Travelers Insurance
WCF Insurance
$2,500 - $4,999
Ailsa Capital
Alta Ski Area
Angel’s Hands Foundation
Ballard Spahr LLP
Ruth Eleanor Bamberger and John Ernest Bamberger Memorial Foundation
Scott Beck
John & Kristi Cumming
Cumming Management Company
HHGC
Travis Jensen
KeyBanc
Steve Mersereau & Kathryn Adair
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Mountain America Credit Union
Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah
Kevin Robertson
Salty Saints Social Club & Facial Hair Society
Richard & Sheila Schlesinger
Richard & Nancy Schutt
Snell & Wilmer
Karen Terzian
TSA Motorsports
US Foods
Utah Medical Association Foundation
Jack R. Walter Foundation
Young Automotive Group

$1,000 - $2,499
Ed & Melinda Allred
Andeavor
The Anschutz Foundation
Matt Arnold
Sandy Askew
Rochelle Beatty
John Block
Bob & Ann Bonar
John Bosshard
Cambia Health Solutions Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation
Elizabeth Carey
Dick & Lynn Carlson
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Darren Coombs
Core & Main
Lincoln DeWitt
Sean Donnelly
Dave & Melissa Fields
Donald & Mary Gamble
Judy Gooch
Mike Green & Genevieve Olivier
Nick Greer
GSBS Architects
Darrin Guevara
Jordan Jensen
Lee & Shelley Johnson
Layton Construction
Steven Lund
Connie Marshall
Mike Maughan
Chris McCandless
McWane Ductile
Gregg & Shonaree Michael
Model Linen Service
Floyd Mott
Marv Neuman
Wayne Niederhauser
Paulsen Construction
Stanley & Suzanne Rand
Bret Rasmussen
Rebecca Rasmussen
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Colby Rollins
The Romesser-Plumb Family
Run On Trails
Dave & Jodi Schoeneck
Todd Searle
Snowbird Ski Patrol
Spectra Contract Flooring
Sterling Tanner
The Trebilcock Family
Walmart Foundation
Westgate Resorts
Wheeler Machinery Co.
Megan & Dan Zurkan

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Charles King
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John Martindale
Rob Maxfield
Daniel & Heather May
Jake Meyers
MountainGuard
David Nagata
Steve Petersen
Nathan Rafferty
David Renzschler
Matt Reynolds
BR Riggs
Erin Rubie

IN-KIND
A number of individuals and organizations also make substantial in-kind contributions to WAS, including:

Alta Ski Area
Jenna Brantley & Scott Erdmann
Bonneville Salt Lake
Christy Sports
Sean Donnelly & Wings for Heroes
Giro
Go Ride
Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah
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Lonnie Wollin
Drew Yergensen
Grit & Sherry Young

Photo: Jess Leonard
“WAS is a great program for building self-esteem, strength, and social skills. I went from doing no physical activity to doing things I never thought I’d be able to do again. The instructors were fantastic at helping me to reach my goals. I would recommend WAS to anyone with a disability - go for it, you will be amazed at what you can do!”
— Kerry Finn