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Annual Report

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Letter from our Executive Director

July 2020 – June 2021

For more than two years, our lives have been defined by change. The 2020-2021 fiscal year exemplified this as the entire Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra Community adapted to the impacts of a global pandemic, wildfires, and various transitions.

After serving as Deputy Director for several years, I proudly took the reins as Executive Director in October. It's been a wild and thrilling ride as DSES faced challenges that affected our people, programs, and goals for expansion.

Adaptation is at the heart of everything we do! As a community, we grew stronger over the past year and had fun in the process. We supported and created virtual programs, modified our lessons, and maintained great connections as we skied, snowboarded, and biked our way through.

We created opportunities throughout the year with the help of our incredible networks of donors and friends. We found a new home for our vision to better help veterans and service members thrive, and we set a path for resilience and growth in the years ahead.

Thank you for being part of DSES and adaptive recreation in the Eastern Sierra.

With appreciation,



Laura Beardsley
Executive Director



Year in Review

What a ride it's been! On the following pages, please join us in looking back at a year full of fun, challenges, events, and community.

July 2020

Sierra Cycle Challenge was a wonderful success. With a new personalized format and flexible fundraising goals, 28 riders from New Jersey to Mammoth Lakes took the challenge and rode 160 miles, or a distance that challenged them. Our riders raised more than \$89,000 with 370 donors contributing to make adaptive recreation a reality for people in the Eastern Sierra. A significant portion of these donations were raised by Kathy Copeland and the riders who joined her as part of 'Team Jack'. In memory of Jack Copeland, 1951 – 2020.



Tom and Hilary Schroeder, pictured above, have participated in Sierra Cycle Challenge for more than 11 years and have been lead fundraisers for adaptive recreation for DSES. Thank you!

Why We Are Here

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) provides adaptive therapeutic recreation programs in California's majestic Eastern Sierra. Founded in 2003, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) is dedicated to changing the lives of children and adults with disabilities by offering year-round sports and activities, creating inspiring challenges, providing expert instruction using the latest adaptive equipment, and rallying the community to embrace and accommodate people with disabilities.

We believe the freedom and exhilaration of outdoor challenges inspires hope, expands confidence, and transforms lives. No one should be left behind simply because of a disability!



Who We Are

Staff

- **Laura Beardsley**, Executive Director
- **Kathy Copeland**, Founding Director
- **Cara Leonard**, Operations Director
- **Laurel Martin**, Finance Director
- **Maggie Palchak**, Program Director
- **Mark Spieler**, Ski School Director
- **Cai Lepre**, Second Chance Thrift Shop Manager
- **Chelsea Goodwin**, Guest Services Coordinator
- **Barb Bemis**, Year-Round Instructor
- **Emily Estremo**, Instructor
- **Brendan Steinman**, Instructor
- **Ben Voss**, Instructor
- **Michael Salvatierra**, Instructor
- **Juliette Lee**, Instructor
- **Katie Johnson**, Executive Assistant
- **Amanda Carlson**, Development Associate
- **Sadie Brown**, Second Chance Thrift Shop
- **Jo Montanez**, Second Chance Thrift Shop
- **Dylan Pratt**, Second Chance Thrift Shop

Board Members

- **Brent Truax**, Chair, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Stacey Adler**, Vice Chair & Secretary, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Shields Richardson**, Treasurer, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Chris Alessi**, Newport Beach, CA
- **Kathy Copeland**, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Carolyn Escoto**, June Lake, CA
- **Yvette Malamud Ozer**, Oakland, CA
- **Steve Mount**, San Diego, CA
- **Karilyn Myers**, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Tom Parker**, Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Tom Schroeder**, Palo Alto & Mammoth Lakes, CA
- **Rick Taylor**, Los Angeles, CA



August 2020

We hosted weekly virtual programming, including **Maggie's Move United** online workouts.



September 2020

DSES began looking for a **new site for the NWWC**. Originally planned for construction on Mammoth Lakes Foundation land near Cerro Coso Community College, DSES embraced the change of plans as an opportunity to enhance its vision for the Center.

Lessons were temporarily suspended once again as fires throughout California shut down Inyo National Forest.

October 2020

In partnership with **Eastside Yosemite Facelift: Act Local!** DSES adopted the Mammoth Creek Park area and rallied with volunteers Katherine and Bob (pictured) to pick up litter and engage community members in area stewardship.



Advisory Council

The DSES Advisory Council is a group of supporters with special expertise related to major projects, events, planning issues and strategic developments. Members serve as ambassadors for DSES to the community.

- Steve Alessi
- Amy Ambellan
- Steve Ambellan
- Suzanne Baracchini
- Bill Baribault
- Emilie Baribault
- Paul Baribault
- Susan Baribault
- Lisa Barker
- Matt Bettencourt
- Sarah Bettencourt
- Christina Blecksmith-McGovern
- Trenton Bonner
- Mark Brownlie
- Willy Buhl
- Bob Burke
- Liz Burke
- Jeff Buss
- Mike Chiesl
- Bill Cockroft
- Sue Cockroft
- Andrea Colasardo
- Steve Colwell
- Andrea Darrington
- Brett Darrington
- Al Davis
- Dennis Domaille
- Jane Domaille
- Gary Elliott
- Kathy Elliott
- Angela Evans
- Frank Frievalt
- Jeff Frome
- Mari Frome
- Stan Frome
- Trace Gallagher
- Andrew Gillespie
- Betsie Greenwood
- Dick Greenwood
- Rusty Gregory
- Renée Hampton
- Shanon D. Hampton
- Amy Heine
- Linda Hess
- Dan Hilton
- John Hooper
- Barbara Hope
- Frank Hope
- Harv Humphrey
- Mike Ishikawa
- Fred Johnson
- "TS" Tom Jones
- Allen Joo
- Barbara Kubarych
- Ken Kubarych
- Will Lachenauer
- Jae Lee
- Neal Levin
- Randee Levin
- Roger Lockhart
- Roger MacFarlane
- Jack Markovitz
- Leslie Markovitz
- Lori May
- Marie McDonough
- Bobby McGhee
- Ronica McGhee
- Sue Mears
- Linda Merrell
- Linda Mitrovich
- Risto Mitrovich
- Jerry Mokler
- Kim Montgomery
- Larry Nicholson
- Kate Page
- Paul Page
- Yuri Parisky
- Molly Rearick
- Jennifer Roberts
- Ken Roberts
- Dan Rosien
- Dan Ross
- Hamid Sadraie
- Jim Sanford
- Darren Schield
- Hilary Schroeder
- Chris Seidenglanz
- Lona Seidenglanz
- Steve Shatkin
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- Neil Sherman
- Randy Short
- EL Smoogen
- Pat Smoogen
- John Snelson
- Becky Takayesu
- Angela Teller
- John Teller
- Phil Torie
- Bob Waggoner
- Vicki Waggoner
- Bob Weiland
- Marcia Weiland
- Cheryl Wood
- Rick Wood
- Alice Zamboni
- Richard Zamboni

Volunteers

- **Katherine Landau**, Volunteer of the Year
- **Teddy Rauh**, Instructor of the Year

Read more about them on [page 6](#).

- Stacey Adler
- Peter Albert
- Chris Alessi
- Amy Ambellan
- Ross Aronson
- Aria Assil
- Jessica Barker
- Scott Beals
- Paul Bissell
- Christopher Buehrer
- Tony Conway
- Kathy Copeland
- Forrest Cross
- Gene Diamand
- Tricia Diamand
- Mathew Don
- Carolyn Escoto
- Mark Giebel
- Patty Giebel
- Dick Greenwood
- Lexie Gritfeld
- Matthew Hall
- John Herzog
- Lyling Hom
- Elissa Houlberg
- Allen Joo
- Alyssa Joo
- Do Kim
- Jakob Kim
- Ed Krulikowski
- Barbara Kubarych
- Kenneth Kubarych
- Katherine Landau
- Sharon Landes
- Jae Lee
- Jack Leonard
- Neal Levin
- Dennis Lim
- Kent Mader
- Yvette Malamud Ozer
- Jake Mayer
- Risto Mitrovich
- Spencer Monro
- Mark Monro
- Kim Montgomery
- Steve Mount
- Jordyn Murphy
- Karilyn Myers
- Celso Nguyen
- Jeffrey Obear
- Ted Oden
- Gary Olson
- Tom Parker
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- Wade Perry
- Andrea Pighetti
- Tony Pighetti
- Darrin Prescott
- Teddy Rauh
- Brant Reed
- Shields Richardson
- Dan Ross
- Linda Roth
- Richard Roth
- Lexi Saket
- Tom Schroeder
- Sonja Schwartz
- Carl Sequeira
- Kari Sharp
- Mark Smith
- Irina Sukharnikova
- Chaney Szeto
- Tom Szeto
- Becky Takayesu
- Rick Taylor
- Brent Truax
- Darren Vega
- Frank Wagoner
- Phil Watts
- Kurt Wedberg
- Leah Weinberg
- Steve West
- Bob Wheeler
- Kenny Yegan
- Samantha Yeschin-Taggart



November 2020

DSES opened for winter and hit the slopes on Nov. 13 with masks, a new outside meeting space, and adapted teaching methods.

Dr. Molly Rearick hosted **Alternative Communications** trainings for volunteers, parents, and instructors to better understand alternative communication strategies.

December 2020

Virtual EXTRAVAGANZA! Bingo & Trivia took the place of dinner and dancing for a modified fundraiser.

Slow and steady **lesson growth** – more and more athletes hit the slopes!

January 2021

Trainings! We offered three training clinics each week for volunteers interested in **PSIA certification and personal skills development**.

Everyone who has come to ski, ride, and cross country ski with DSES is thrilled to have lessons offered to them that also work well within the mitigation measures.



Katherine Landau – Volunteer of the Year

Having worked in an educational setting and for DSES before that, we are thrilled Katherine has returned to volunteer. She is an incredible asset to the program. She shares her time in the winter and summer – skiing, mountain and road biking, and in many other ways. Her depth of knowledge with accessible education adds to her ability to relate to and work with so many of our students seamlessly. Her enthusiasm and willingness to try anything are contagious!



Teddy Rauh – Instructor of the Year

Teddy earned his title as Instructor of the Year. He has volunteered with the program as a snowboard instructor for many years, bringing his enthusiasm for snowboarding to a wide variety of students. His riding skills and love for teaching always shine through, and he's always willing to lend his skills to support riders with disabilities. He also assists with equipment lessons and various projects as needed, always with a smile.



By the Numbers

271 participants took in-person lessons

11% were servicemembers



6,882 volunteer hours

In the 20-21 fiscal year, DSES provided more than **20** different types of recreation opportunities:

Winter:

- 2-track (most popular), snowboard, mono-ski, bi-ski, xc-ski (standing), 4-track, snow slider, ski bike, snowshoe, xc-ski (seated), and 3-track.

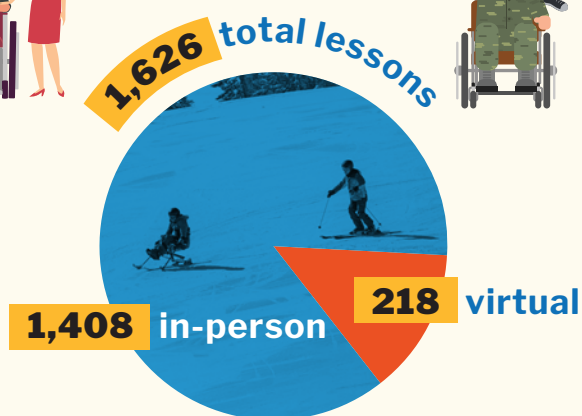
Summer:

- Mountain biking (most popular), yoga, fishing, hiking, road cycling, rock climbing, boating, kayaking.

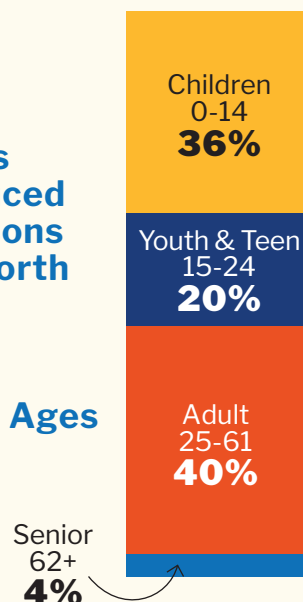
Virtual Opportunities:

- Yoga, workouts and warmups, movements of skiing awareness training, living skills workshops, American Sign Language and nonverbal and alternative communication chatrooms, garden tours, story time sessions, and more.

DSES lessons are always offered at a greatly reduced cost. **35%** of total lessons received scholarships worth more than **\$35,613!**



Student Ages

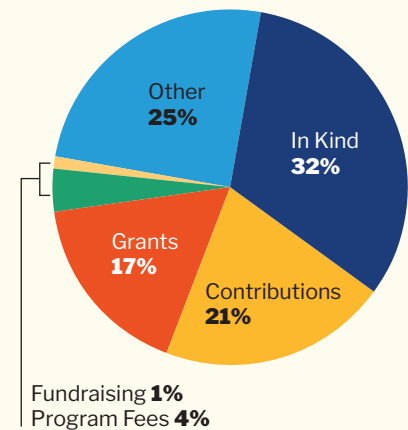


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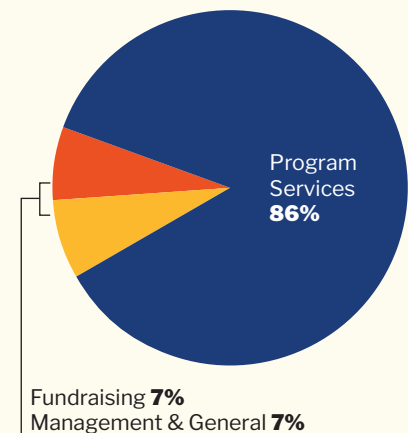
Support & Revenue

Support	FY20	FY21
Grants	\$1,019,300	\$526,374
Government Grants	1,000	1,950
Contributions - Corporate	139,733	67,409
Contributions - Individuals	2,138,408	576,879
Contributions - Ski Clubs	20,197	2,283
Contribution Refunds	-40,839	
In Kind Donations - Thrift Store	286,587	258,342
In Kind Donations	1,083,339	750,139
Bad Debt Recovery	3,021	
Total Support	4,650,746	2,183,376
Revenue		
Program Fees	151,612	120,586
Fundraising	123,341	31,550
Memberships	855	
Merchandise Sales	1,160	798
Miscellaneous Income	1,742	8,014
Interest and Dividend Income	196,070	165,324
Loss on Asset Disposal		-170,078
SBA PP Loan Forgiveness		161,421
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	-13,780	69,960
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	-202,305	547,644
Total Revenue	258,695	935,219
Total Support & Revenue	4,909,441	3,118,595
Expenses		
Program Services	1,788,289	1,605,324
Management and General	194,229	131,565
Fundraising	181,909	122,636
Total Expenses	2,164,427	1,859,525
Change in Net Assets	2,745,014	1,259,070
Net Assets		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	7,286,686	10,031,700
Net Assets at End of Year	10,031,700	11,290,770
In Kind Support		
Participant Tickets, Passes & Rentals	530,567	397,388
Professional Services	246,636	200,092
Lodging	5,323	2,482
Program Supplies	87,155	43,079
Rent	61,106	54,956
Equipment	5,000	50,000
Inventory	5,300	
Stock	142,252	2,142
In Kind Donations	1,083,339	750,139
Thrift Store	286,587	258,342
Total In Kind	1,369,926	1,008,481

FY21 Support & Revenue



FY21 Expenses



What Motivates Athletes?

- **Enjoying life!**
Xavier, 55 years old,
mountain biking
- **Get out there!**
James, 78 years old, ski bike

Donations

Gifts of \$25,000 & Above

General Donations

- Anthem Foundation

National Wounded Warrior Center (NWWC) Donations

- Bernard and Mary Lou Cohen Family Trust
- The William and Kathryn Scripps Family Foundation

Gifts of \$10,000 – \$24,999

General Donations

- Doug Baron
- Frome Family Foundation
- Bonnie Gregory
- Harv Humphrey
- Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
- Scott Owens
- Rainbow Sandals Foundation
- Tioga Gas Mart – Dennis and Jane Domaille
- Alice and Richard Zamboni

NWWC Donations

- Rusty Gregory
- Jerry Mokler
- Nielsen Beaumont Marine, Inc.

Military Programs Donations

- Steve and Dana Garcia
- James M. and Carol F. Krueger Charitable Fund of the Orange County Community Foundation



Athlete Stories

Hey, check it out... we both started out as athletes for Disabled Sports, became volunteer instructors, and now we're certified alpine instructors. Adaptive athletes adapting to teach non-adaptive skiing... pretty awesome.

– **Nikki Lee**

The folks at DSES are incredible! My family always feels welcomed, valued, and are treated as though they belonged. It's not just the individual with the disability that is treated this way, but the entire family. My son went through the program from as a child and developed great confidence thanks to the folks at DSES. He is now insisting on giving back and is volunteering himself.

– **Vivian Kim (Jakob Kim's mother)**

February 2021

Cady Lane Scott (pictured) shared her love of adaptive sports and won the online **Share Your Love** campaign!



March 2021

Coach Brendan Steinman sent out a request for wheelchairs for **Operation Free Ride!** The stock of wheelchairs has been replenished thanks to several donors and they will be placed at the lodges for free public access and short term use.

April 2021

Attempts to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 changed how we carry out our daily lessons and multi-day camps significantly this season.

Hybrid Springtacular: a weeklong program for people with cognitive disabilities. Check out the Springtacular 2021 video: youtu.be/sHiE15JofJU



Gifts of \$5,000 – \$9,999

General Donations

- Alpine Paint – Brian and Kathie Tipton
- Liz and Bob Burke
- Crail-Johnson Foundation
- GSO Sierra Corporation
- Kyle Knoble
- Roger and Ruth MacFarlane
- Susan Mears
- Chris and Lona Seidenglanz
- State Compensation Insurance Fund – Safety and Health Services

NWWC Donations

- Building Electronic Controls Inc. - Rick and Shelley Taylor
- GE Foundation
- Harv Humphrey
- Susan Mears
- Gary and Karilyn Myers
- Thomas and Hilary Schroeder
- Randy and Mickey Short

Military Programs Donations

- Barbara Garlinghouse
- Harv Humphrey

Gifts of \$1,000 – \$4,999

General Donations

- Chris and Steve Alessi
- Ann Jackson Family Foundation
- Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation
- Thomas and Seana Augustine
- Bill and Susan Baribault
- Katie and Joe Bellomo
- Robert, Connor and Lisa Bey
- Karen Black
- Susan and Ken Blackman
- Nan and Andy Boden
- Jim and Glenna Cadmus
- Alice Cassel
- Michaela Catlin
- Mammoth Radiology Associates Cherne, Harrell and Parisky
- Thomas Cherry
- Richard Clampitt and Rachel Hurst
- Genevieve Copeland

- Kathy Copeland
- William D Corbin
- Scott Crawford and Tara Bhuthimethee
- Dianne Crunk
- Deborah Deboer
- John and Heidi Dobrott
- Dr. Sarah Donaldson
- Sally Edwards
- Carolyn and Ed Escoto
- Reza Ghanian
- Dick and Betsy Greenwood
- Hamilton Family Trust – Charles and Lisa Hamilton
- Marcy Harding
- Herman Family Joint Venture Charitable Foundation
- Anne Hultgren
- Industrial Metal Supply Co. – Neil Sherman
- Jimmy and Ellen Isenson
- Mike and Miki Ishikawa

Gifts of \$1,000 – \$4,999

General Donations

- Ann Johnson
- Allen Joo
- Henry Jordan
- Harriet Krinsky
- Katherine Landau
- Kristina and Jae Lee
- Randee and Neal Levin
- Shawn Lynch
- Yvette Malamud Ozer
- Julius Marcus
- Matthew Meyer
- Minami Family Charitable Fund
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- Network For Good
- Noel Jones
- Brian Oard
- Kimberly Ognisty
- Katherine and Paul Page
- Emmett Pickles

- Platt Family Fund at Rancho Santa Fe Foundation
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- Peter Prophit
- Brant, Grayson and Regina Reed
- Dan Ross
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- Jim Sanford and Jean Holden
- Tom Schemenauer
- Thomas and Hilary Schroeder
- Kathy Scripps
- Neil Sherman
- Lisa and Rodney Shook
- Gilbert Siegel and Teresa O'Malley
- Jack Smith
- Jim Smoogen
- EL and Pat Smoogen
- Socha-Cardillo Foundation Trust
- Becky and Jim Takayesu
- Paul and Sara James
- Shaughne and A.C. Warnack

- Joanne, Courtney and Greg Triana
- Charles Wallasch
- Bob and Marcia Weiland
- Steve West

NWWC Donations

- Mary Barranger
- Jim and Glenna Cadmus
- Peter Fosselman
- Amy Heine
- Gary Kilburg
- Mammoth Rocks LLC
- Judith and Alan McRae
- Mountain View Barbeque
- William R Piercey
- Christopher Podratz
- Tahoe/Douglas Elks Lodge #2670
- The Vail Family Foundation – John, Hiroko and Peggy Vail
- Vicki Waggoner
- William and Deborah Hang Revocable Trust



What Motivates Athletes?

- **Toys!**
Gloria, 8 years old, ski
- **Being accepted.**
Diego, 20 years old, ski
- **To keep up with my brothers!**
Hanna, 10 years old, ski

May 2021

The Spring into Summer Bash supported athletes with our first **Dunk Day!**



June 2021

A group of military athletes visited the Eastern Sierra for **Operation High Altitude**, camping along beautiful McGee Creek and pursuing mountain biking, hiking, boating, fishing and rock climbing. The program was run as a pilot program for the National Wounded Warrior Center initiative and participants spent 60% of their time challenging themselves through adaptive recreation, and 40% of their time in presentations and discussions geared toward goal setting for successful transitions.



Gifts of \$500 – \$999

General Donations

- Hilda Adler
- Shraga and Shula Agam
- Ronald Allin
- Amy and Steve Ambellan
- Brian Balarsky
- Darcy Bauer
- Gregory and Donna Berg
- Kinley Berger
- Booky Joint
- Corrine Brown
- Joel Brown
- Robert H Brumfield
- Charles Byrne
- Stacey and David Crockett
- Slavka and Alex Crouthamel
- Nathan Delson and Mary Krinsky
- Howard and Renee Durlerster
- Arash Farin
- Don and Sally Fehlman
- Jonathan Funk and Linda Lai
- Greater Washington Community Foundation
- Frank Greene
- Robin Hastie
- Rena D Henderson
- Bernadine Tosetti Hines Foundation
- Robert Huston
- Glenn Inouye
- Kimihiko Iwamura
- Lauren Johnson
- Matt Johnson
- Nicholas Joos
- Marcus and Joanne Kerner
- Kevin and Kathy Killea
- Kevin Kissane
- John Kolling
- Martha Kramer
- Gautham Krishnamurti
- Charles Lande
- Mary Langston
- Mary and Corty Lawrence
- Dennis Lowe
- Jennifer Luhan
- Angus Malcolm
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- John McCabe and Mary Wells
- Jim McCormack
- Barbi McCoy
- Risto and Linda Mitrovich
- Kim and Jim Montgomery
- Patricia and Cyrus Mowlavi
- Northland Properties
- Timothy O'Brien
- Paul Oster
- Maia Lowenschuss Palmer
- Anne Powell and Brendan Togni
- Bill and Sandy Puchlevic
- Dennis and Jan Rice
- Risley Sams
- Nick Sands
- Grant and Dorrit Saviers
- Sue Stavlo
- Bahar Sutorius
- The Tigger Fund
- Trixia Villegas
- Henry Weeks
- Rob Welti MD
- Maryann and Ohad Zeira



Scientific studies point in one direction: nature is not only nice to have; it is a must have for physical health and cognitive function.” – Matthew White, *Last Child in the Woods*

Gifts of \$500 – \$999

NWWC Donations

- Yvonne Besvold
- Bronchick Companies
- Lynne Bunn
- Liz and Bob Burke
- Craig Burrows
- Stephen and Deborah Clark
- Kathy Copeland
- Drs. Cherne, Harrell and Parisky
- Greater Washington Community Foundation
- Robin Hastie
- Herman Family Joint Venture Charitable Foundation
- Highmark Residential Inc.
- Lenore and Jim Lemon
- Mammoth Coffee Roasting Co.
- Robert Naylor
- Rick Henry Group
- Roxanne Tallman
- Barbara Yuki

Military Programs Donations

- James Smith



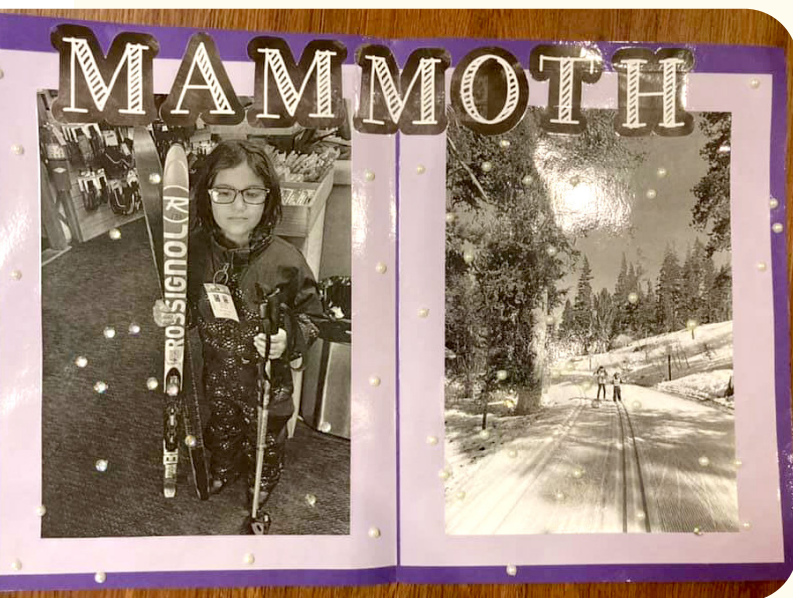
Athlete Story

I am sharing about the time I went to Mammoth Mountain to learn how to cross country ski. When my dad first told me that he was going to take my brother Jaber and I to learn to ski, I was excited. I wondered how I could do it. We drove six hours in the car. When we finally got there it was so cold. We checked in the Sierra Nevada hotel and relaxed.

The next morning we went to the ski resort and met our instructors. We all got our own. My instructor's name was Kathy. Kathy was amazing. She talked to me and told me what we were going to do. She got me my skis and put them on me.

Next, we went to this track and then she told me to use my poles. We skied for three hours. It was so cold. Mammoth is freezing. I had a great time. This trip was important to me because I made special memories with my family. I'm not sure that I will get the opportunity to ski again, but I hope I do.

– With Love, Jasmine



Gifts of \$100 – \$499

General Donations

- Craig and Mary Albright
- Linda and Ray Alessi
- Wardah Ali
- Bartley Allan
- Sharon Alper
- Lynette and John Armstrong
- Sheila Anderson
- Navid Ardakani
- Joseph Arechiga
- Lynette Armstrong
- Lynn and Bruce Attig
- Linda Avery
- Lisa Baker
- Maureen Baker
- Frank and Linda Bardsley
- Gabby Barel
- Roger and Pam Barker
- Jessica Barker
- Nancy Barnett
- Paul, Christopher and Tracy Barrow
- Bruce Bartlett
- Patricia Bashaw
- Craig Baumann
- Laura Beardsley and Jon Crowley
- Pamela Belitski
- Shirley Bement and Gary Pingel
- Maryanne Benane
- Phyllis Benham
- Sally Benson
- Brigitte Berman
- Sarah and Matt Bettencourt
- Martha Bettis
- Mark, Douglas and Mary Bewsher
- David Billingsley
- Theresa Bixby
- Tamar Blau and Jaqueline Ogier
- Rich Boccia
- Michael Bornfeld
- Michael Botnick
- Michael Braun
- Aimee Brecht-Doscher
- Madeleine Brown and Clinton Hyde
- Marc and Ellen Brown
- Stuart and Julie Brown
- Gerard Buckley
- Erin and Chris Bulkley
- Mary Byrn
- Max Calne
- Barbara Cameron
- Wendy Campbell
- Fernando A Cancel III
- Peter Carlson
- Jenice and Randel Carter
- Nick Cassidy
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- Dan Chase
- Luise Chassagne
- Isabel Cherney
- Margaret Chew
- Christine Bubser
- Deborah Clark
- Judith Clark
- Caitlin Clough
- Sue and Bill Cockroft
- Andrea Colasardo
- Garth Collings
- Susan Collins
- Keith Cook
- Henry Copeland
- Peter and Mary Copeland
- Marc and Bonnie Copland
- Matthew Corbin
- Stacy Corless
- Mark and Yazmin Coronado
- Starla and Ted Cortopossi
- Bill Cox and Barbara Cameron
- Bob and Nancy Cox
- Gina Craig
- Dr. Robbin Cromer-Tyler
- Mellouise and Michael Curry
- Lubelle O'Grady
- Gerald Daly
- Danielle Platt
- Nancy Davidson
- Carol Davis-Fernald
- Donalda Day
- Richard Delaney
- Julia DeMoss
- Susan, Peter and Gavin Denniston
- John Dewey
- Tricia Diamand
- Nicole Dickson
- Jerry Dillon
- Eric Dowd
- Drake Wood Milling
- Steven Dresner
- Jim and Elaine Dugan
- Grady and Carlynn Dutton
- Lee Ebbert
- Patricia Edwall
- Dwayne Ehlers
- Mary Emmons
- Don English
- Julie English
- Yelena and Anna Entin
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- Lloyd Figueroa
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DSES is a non-profit organization in Mammoth Lakes California, that helps all kinds of people with disabilities do amazing things outdoors. They helped me learn to ski and snowboard when I was younger and I've been in love with it ever since.

– **Kate Delson**

Check out Kate's "Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra Documentary" on her ThunderBound Films YouTube channel!



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