

ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017



“Let no one sit on the sidelines”



A letter from the Executive Director

This organization continues to grow and reach new levels of success with each passing year. As we work to expand our outreach efforts and reach more individuals throughout the state we have the ability to make a bigger impact on the community.

The 2016-17 fiscal year has been full of amazing accomplishments. We hosted a record setting attendance of 463 at the Desert Challenge Games with over 320 volunteers, had 65 models for the You Look Marvelous Fashion Show, and had 118 registered athletes and coaches for the West Coast Conference Bid Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. As we continue to grow our athlete population and provide new programs, we will look for the continued support of our community and business leaders to help us achieve our goals.

Moving into my second year with the organization I have witnessed dedicated individuals reach new goals and achieve tremendous milestones. I feel fortunate to work with outstanding administrative staff, board of directors, coaches and athletes. In addition, I have the privilege of working beside professionals from the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, as well as the Mesa Public Schools. These wonderful programs and special events would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved with this organization. We are fortunate to have the support of hundreds of generous community members that volunteer their time and assist in the funding of AzDS adaptive sports programs and special events each year. I have met inspiring individuals who have made this all possible. The whole organization and community embodies our motto, "let no one sit on the sidelines" because we truly believe in providing opportunities to individuals with disabilities no matter their ability level.

I have been honored to be a part of this organization and to be able to serve the participants, families, coaches, volunteers, and staff is a true blessing. I receive a tremendous reward from the phone call where a parent gets excited that they found a place where their child can participate in sports again, seeing all the smiling faces at our programs and special events, witnessing families laughing with each other, and volunteers appreciating the experience to be a part of our events. There are no words to describe the impact we are having within our community.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Wilkinson, *Executive Director*

2016-17 Top Three Accomplishments

- *Desert Challenge Games 2017 had another record breaking attendance with 463 registered athletes, coaches, and guides. We had 17 countries represented and 38 states from the US. Over 320 volunteers came out to support the event to make it the success it was.*
- *AzDS and the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities partnered up to host the first annual Movie in the Ballpark at the Hohokam Stadium. We had over 200 attendees come out to the ballpark.*
- *The JV West Coast Conference Bid Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament hosted 118 athletes and coaches from across the west in AZ for the competition in December 2016. We had a total of 11 teams competing.*

Mission Statement

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

Value Statement

AzDS believes that quality of life should not be limited by a physical or mental disability. We believe 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. We believe that every community should actively support and encourage the individuals with disabilities. We believe these individuals should be encouraged to participate fully in activities in our society.

Vision Statement

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

"Let no one sit on the sidelines"

TEAM MESA BULLDOGS

Sports and recreational programs for individuals with cognitive and intellectual disabilities.

Athlete Totals

Many athletes participate in more than one sport. These totals reflect individual athletes who are registered.

Programs, on average, meet once per week during a 12-week season.

The Team Mesa Bulldogs adaptive sports and recreation programs are a result of the collaboration between the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, Arizona Disabled Sports, and the Mesa Public Schools.



TEAM MESA BULLDOGS ADAPTIVE SPORTS & RECREATION

Sport programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Number of Registered Athletes

Summer Programs

Aquatics, Junior	29
Aquatics, Senior	24
Aquatics, Adult	46
Bocce Ball	28
Golf	62
Bowling - West (July-Aug)	81
Bowling - Unified (July-Aug)	23
Bowling - East (July-Aug)	79
Zumba	12
Adaptive Sports Camp	13
TOTAL	373

Fall Programs

Soccer Adult	18
Soccer Junior	20
Bowling Junior (Sept-Dec)	5
Bowling East (Sept-Dec)	84
Bowling West (Sept-Dec)	81
Bowling Unified (Sept-Dec)	23
Off-Broadway	16
Adaptive Cooking	19
Zumba (w/parents)	9
TOTAL	275

Winter/Spring Programs

Basketball Adult (16+)	62
Basketball Junior (6-15)	19
Basketball Unified	22
Cheerleading	17
Floor Hockey / Floorball	37
Track & Field, West	26
Track & Field, East	40
Track & Field, Junior	17
Dragon Boat	15
Bowling West (Jan-Mar)	75
Bowling West (Apr-June)	76
Bowling Unified (Jan-Mar)	30
Bowling Unified (Apr-Jun)	27
Cooking with Harley	21
Off-Broadway Theater	28
TOTAL	475



Team Mesa Bulldogs

TEAM MESA BULLDOGS

Competitions

Four Peaks Aquatics Competition	99
SOAZ Fall Championships	129
Four Peaks Golf	38
Four Peaks Soccer	38
Unified Bowling Tournament	23
Four Peaks Bocce Ball	30
Mesa/Chandler Soccer League	29
Four Peaks Bowling	132
SOAZ Golf	38
Floor Ball Scrimmage with Chandler	37
Gold League Basketball	80
Unified Gold League Basketball	22
Four Peaks Cheer & Basketball Tournament	97
SOAZ State Cheer	17
SOAZ State Basketball	95
SOAZ Four Peaks Track & Field	85
SOAZ State Summer Games	85



SPECIAL EVENTS

For individuals with intellectual disabilities

Social Programs:

Cool Pines - Wood Canyon Lake	35
Cool Pines - Bearizona	44
California Adventure Trip	71
"You Look Marvelous" Fashion Show	62
Camp Fiesta Summer Camp (June)	118
Camp Fiesta Summer Camp (July)	92
Wiggles and Giggles Pre-school Program	27
Movie in the Ballpark	200

Monthly TGIF Social Club Events

2016

July

Night at the Museum	35
Red, White, & Blue Dance	37

August

Diamondbacks Game	36
Mesa High Aquatics BBQ	65

September

Jesters Improv	23
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October

Golf and Spooktacular	56
Halloween Bash	150

November

Hale Theater	50
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December

Polar Express	24
Mistletoe Magic Dinner & Dance	200
Rawhide Dinner and Lights	59

2017

January

Odysea Aquarium & Lunch	53
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February

Sweetheart Dance	60
Red Mt Park Fishing & BBQ	60

March

Amazing Jake's	68
Wildlife World Zoo	59

April

Sock Hop Dance / Decades Dance	70
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May

AMF Mesa Lanes	74
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June

Game and Karaoke Night	46
Fat Cats	50

TEAM MESA BULLDOGS ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS

Demographics

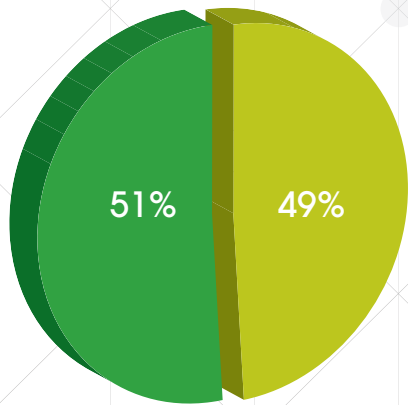
Email List Serv (Social)	776
Email List Serv (Sports)	683

Benefits from participating in adaptive sports

- Competition
- Increased Self-Esteem
- Exercise
- Listening Skills
- Social Skills
- Teamwork

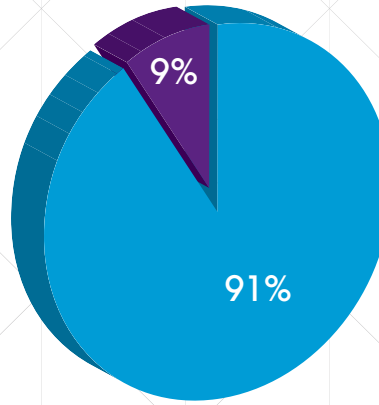


Gender



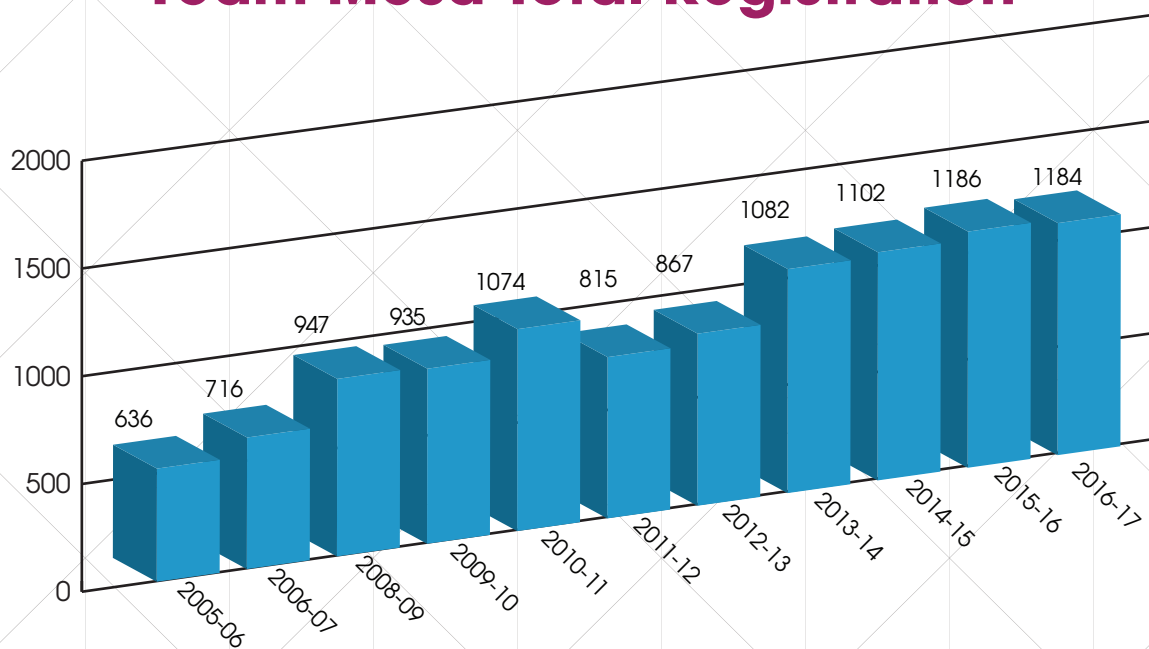
Male Female

Residency



Outside of Mesa Mesa

Team Mesa Total Registration



PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Arizona Heat

Sport programs for individuals with physical disabilities

Number of registered athletes:

Fall Programs

Junior Wheelchair Basketball	16
Power Soccer - AZ Heat Elite	6
Power Soccer - AZ Heat Destroyers	4
Kayaking	12
Cycling - Short Distance	20
Bowling	13
Total Registered	71

Spring Programs

Junior Wheelchair Basketball	16
Power Soccer - AZ Heat Elite	6
Power Soccer - AZ Heat Destroyers	4
Track	29
Field	11
Archery	33
Swimming	6
Air gun & Rifle Series	11
Total Registered	116

SPECIAL EVENTS

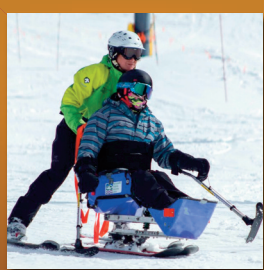
For individuals with physical disabilities.

Number of registered participants

SportsFest - Wheelchair Basketball	11
Pedal Paddle Fest - Kayak/Cycling	35
El Tour De Tucson	5
Holiday Bowling Tournament	14
JV Wheelchair Basketball Tournament	118
SportsFest - Track, Field & Archery	43
SkiAble Adaptive Alpine Experience	32
AZ USPSA Power Soccer League Weekend	16
Desert Challenge Games	463

Sponsored Travel Opportunities

Junior Suns to West Coast Championships	6
US Paralympics Track & Field Championships	5
Angel City Games at UCLA	9



Arizona
Heat
Mesa, Arizona



PHOENIX WHEELCHAIR
JR. SUNS

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PROGRAMS

Demographics

AzDS has 772 contacts on the Physically Challenged program mailing list.

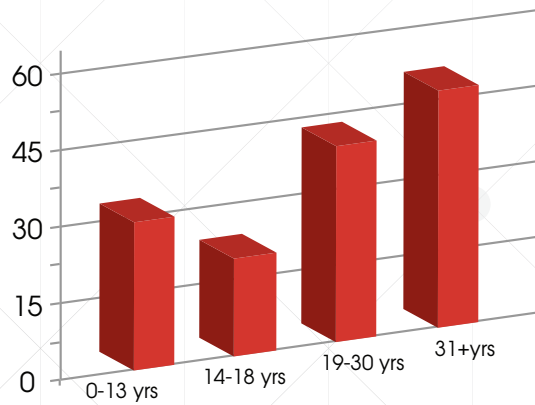
Total number of registered athletes - 137

Athlete Ambassadors

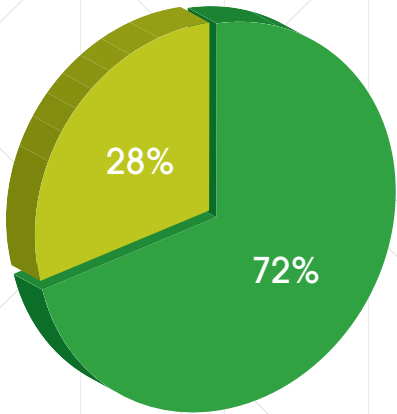
Athlete Ambassadors are representatives for AzDS and given opportunities to deliver the organization's mission, reaching out to individuals in the community and sharing their personal story on how AzDS has impacted their lives.

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| Austin Alcorn | Courtney Barbour |
| Stephen Binning | John Countryman |
| Katie Griffith | Michelle Nguyen |
| Ayleen Villa | Zachary Wharton |

Age Breakdown

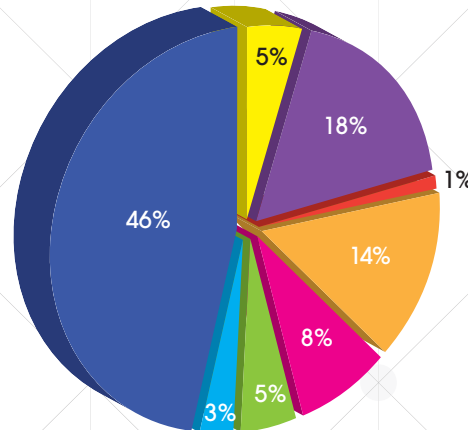


Gender



Male Female

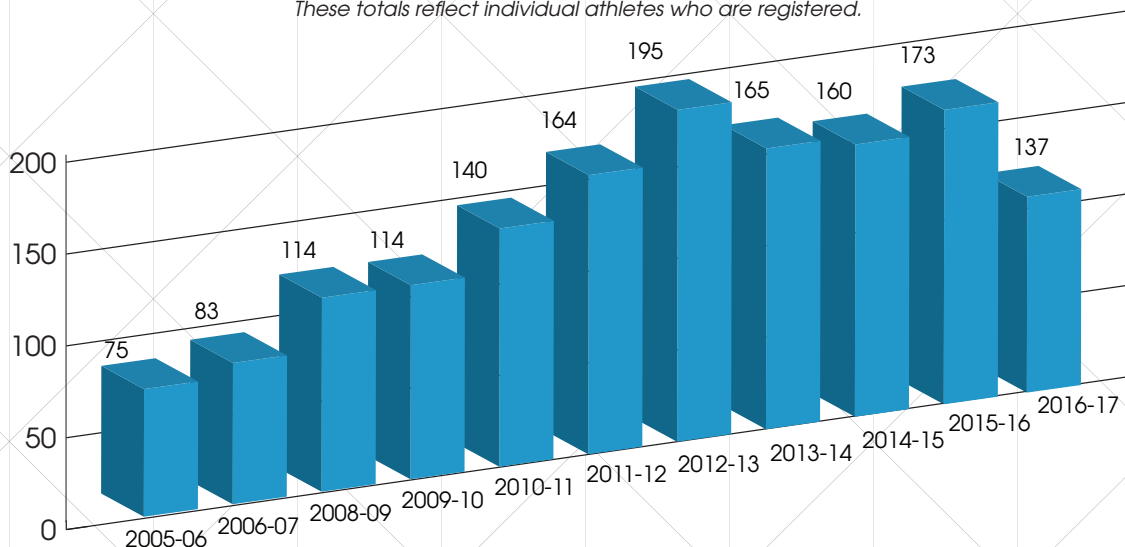
Disabilities



Amputation Spina Bifida Traumatic Brain Injury Dwarfism
 Cerebral Palsy Spinal Cord Injury Visual Impairment Other

Physically Challenged Total Registration

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VOLUNTEERS

Team Mesa Bulldogs Adaptive Programs and Events

495 volunteers for 2016-17 fiscal year
 2,002 hours completed by volunteers (average of 4.50 hrs pp)

Physically Challenged Programs and Events

874 volunteers for 2016-17 fiscal year
 4,741.5 hours completed by volunteers (average of 5.43 hrs pp)

DONATION AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Cash Contributions: Community member donations, Duck N Run

Grants: Grant Income

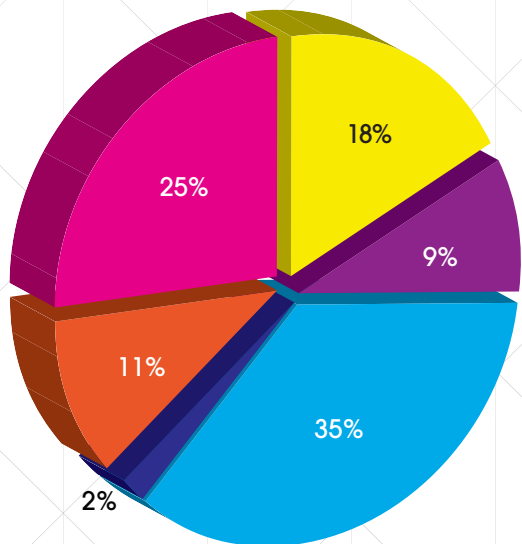
Fundraisers: Ability Ball, Fashion Show, Golf Benefit, ProFund West 100 Holes

Special Events: Desert Challenge Games, SkiAble, Power Soccer League Weekend, Holiday Bowling, Disneyland Adventure, Camp Carley, SportsFest, Pedal N Paddle

Registration Fees: Program registration fees per season

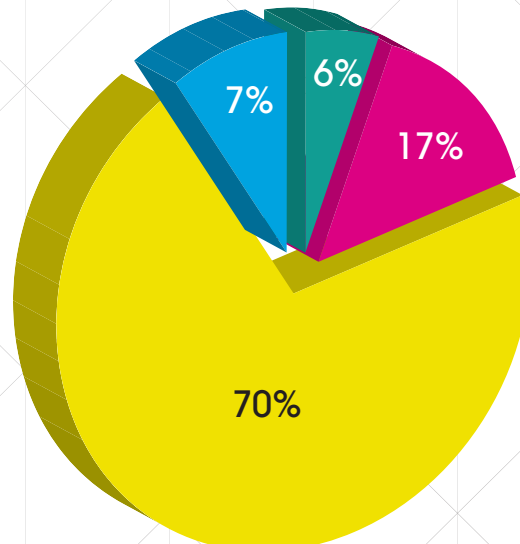
Rental Income: Broadway Recreation Center Rental fees

Revenue



- Cash Contributions
- Registration Fees
- Grants
- Rental Income
- Fundraisers
- Special Events

Expenses



- Administrative
- Program
- Fundraisers
- Facility

IN-KIND DONORS

30th Century Graphic Design
 Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center
 Ability Center
 Arizona Dragon Boat Association
 Arizona Snowbowl
 Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association
 City of Mesa
 Costco
 Einstein Brothers
 Fremont Junior High
 JFK Electrical Contracting Enterprises, Inc.
 Leeden Wheelchair Lift & Sport

Mesa Public Schools
 Modern Age Printing
 Northern Arizona Adaptive Sports Association
 Papago Park Archery Range
 Sam's Club
 Starbuck's
 Target
 Tempe Town Lake Marina
 The Eye Center in Chandler
 Unum
 Walmart Neighborhood Market
 Westwood High School

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS *fiscal year ending June 30th, 2017*

Commissioner Level - \$25,000

Duck N Run Golf Tournament

Champion Level - \$10,000

Disabled Sports USA
 Hohokam Foundation
 Safeway Foundation
 Unum

Challenger Level - \$5,000

Adaptive Sports USA
 Greg and Ronda Marsh
 Modern Age Printing
 United Truck & Equipment
 W. Bradford Perkinson
 Hanger, Inc.
 The Hartford

Competitor Level - \$2,500

Ability Center
 Arizona Dragon Boat Association
 Boeing Employee Community Fund
 JFK Electrical Enterprises, Inc
 Simpson Strong-Tie
 TruTeam
 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospitals
 PW Construction, Inc.

Charger Level - \$1,000

Gloria Rusk
 Cummins Rocky Mountain
 Performance Mobility
 Desert Club Foundation
 Arizona Lighting Sales, Inc.
 Cawood and Gibson PLLC
 Hughes Family
 Kohler Company
 Kohl's Department Stores
 Morrison, Clark, and Conover CPAs
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 McCarthy Building Companies, Inc
 RC Lurie Co, Inc.

Waste Management Phoenix
 Open/Thunderbird Charities
 Schuff Steel Management Co
 Visit Mesa
 Todd Bruer
 Delta Diversified Enterprises
 Firetrol Protection Systems
 Mark Grant
 Kitchell Companies
 NFP Insurance
 Performance Mobility
 VMI Mobility

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Twitter Followers

Arizona Disabled Sports = 656



Email List

Arizona Disabled Sports = 3,955
 City of Mesa = 1,115



Facebook Followers

Arizona Disabled Sports Page = 2,226
 Team Mesa Bulldogs Bulldogs Page = 377
 Broadway Recreation Center Page = 220



PARTNERSHIPS

Ability360 Sports & Fitness Center
 Adaptive Sports USA
 Arizona Dragon Boat Association
 Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association
 AT Stills University
 Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC)
 Boys Team Charity North Valley League
 City of Mesa Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities
 City of Tempe Parks and Recreation
 Disabled Sports USA
 Dobson Ranch HOA
 Kohl's Department Stores
 Mesa Public Schools

National Wheelchair Basketball Association
 Phoenix VA Hospital
 Snowbowl Ski Instructors
 Special Olympics Arizona
 Special Olympics Four Peaks Area
 St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
 United States Power Soccer Association
 USA Archery
 US Paralympics
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 World Para Athletics

FACILITIES LIST

Ability 360 Sports & Fitness Center	Broadway Recreation Center	LDS Interstake Center
AMF Mesa Lanes	Bush Elementary School	Mesa Convention Center
Arizona Snowbowl	Chandler Center for the Arts	Mesa High School
Arizona State University	Dobson Ranch Lakes	Papago Park Archery Range
- Joe Selleh Track	East Mesa Bowl	Red Mountain Center
	El Dorado Park	Shepherd Pool
	Greenfield Lakes Golf Course	Skyline High School
	Hohokam Park	Stapley Junior High
	Jefferson Recreation Center	Tempe Town Lake Marina
	Kino Aquatics Center	Webster Recreation Center
	Kiwanis Park	Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center



Broadway Recreation Center

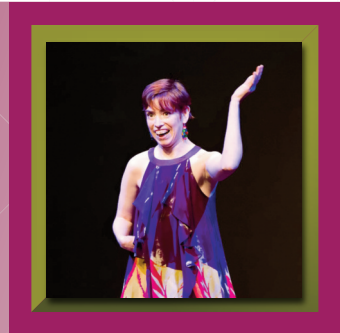
The BRC facility completed renovations in 2015, which afforded us and the community new maple floors, a subflooring system, automatic bleachers, new lighting fixtures and a fresh coat of paint. Our recreation center currently hosts basketball, volleyball, roller derby, church groups, and adaptive sports on a weekly and monthly basis. We would welcome the opportunity to host any businesses, corporations or teams in need of a state of the art gymnasium to contact:

Executive Director Tiffany Wilkinson at 480-835-6273 or Tiffany@ArizonaDisabledSports.com.

Thank you. www.BroadwayRecreationCenter.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Mesa Public Schools Representative	John Krecek
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	Monique McGivney



AWARDS

2017 Paula Rudow Award – **Stephanie Kniec**
 2017 Jay Coyner Award – **Sarah Parker**
 Coach of the Year – **Rebekah Rudow**
 Volunteer of the Year – **Sydney Moore**



COACHES

28 Coaches of the Team Mesa Bulldogs Adaptive Programs

Alex Arneri	Marissa Kuptiz	Katie Pankonen	Marcia Heywood
Alice Williams	Marli Bennett	Carol Hopkins	Michelle Bernstein- Shultz
Carolyn Dean	Rebekah Rudow	Eric DiBella	Shanna Cortez
Cherie Vance	Rosemary Kuhse	Claudissa Hardy	Theresa Lares
Denise Wolf Simmons	Sabrina Brown	Tyler Hoefft	Nicole Havsta
Elise Sheldon	Savannah Rinas	Lisa Wilson	Matt Erickson
Harley Ruda	Sharon Minnear	Taylor Wilson	
Jamie Oliver	Teresita Krenytsky	Christian Atkinson	
Kelly Clifford	Will Helser	Teleia Taumanu	



17 Coaches of the programs for individuals with physical disabilities

Alex Gonzalez	Robert Reed
Cindy Wells	Stephen Binning *
Dalton Schrum *	Tim Binning
Ed Hiebert	Danielle Cvetanovich
Michelle Michel	Taylor Wilson
Jeff Ramsdell *	Will Helser
John Dee Schrum	Christina Chambers*
Judson VanStee	Jason Rodie*
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Kelliy Gifford	



* Indicates volunteer coach

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