



ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



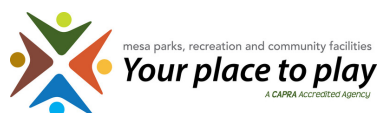
"Let no one sit on the sidelines."

WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RHONDA CARLSON

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The past few months have been an incredible experience for me as the new Executive Director of Arizona Disabled Sports. I am profoundly impressed with the feeling of community one cannot deny within the City of Mesa and with the many organizations that support our mission of inclusion on a daily basis. I am thankful to our numerous volunteers that allow us to offer the depth and breadth of programs and special events that we do, all with such enthusiasm and dedication to our cause. Most importantly, I am inspired by our amazing athletes, whose camaraderie and support of each other, coupled with their ambition to push past their challenges, rival any professional athletes I have seen. I feel honored each and every day to be in a position where I can positively impact the lives of those living with a disability through sports and recreation and look forward to the many additional opportunities to witness our athletes shine.

My first week with the organization was during Desert Challenge Games, which saw a record 587 registered athletes, coaches and guides from 16 different countries represented. While those numbers are incredible, I personally found the greatest value in the moments of sportsmanship and support displayed throughout the competition. From the shot put athletes giving tips to one another to improve throwing form, to the amazing spectators encouraging young, first-time track competitors to push on and cross the finish line, I witnessed what the Desert Challenge Games are all about – empowerment. Sure the competition is fierce, but when you step back and look at the bigger picture, it truly is about overcoming perceived limitations and expressing passion for the sport you love. As our motto states, “Let no one sit on the sidelines,” and we look forward to continuing our efforts to do just that.

While my sights are set on the future, I am appreciative of the significant achievements of our past. Facilitating an inclusive environment is key to our mission and imperative for a more peaceful world; I am thankful to be at an organization with such principles at its core. A tremendous example of inclusion within our community came with the induction of Troy Davis into the City of Mesa Hall of Fame on November 20, 2017, the first Paralympian given such an honor. Be sure to check out his story and highlights from our Team Mesa and Arizona Heat adaptive programs included in this report.

I thank you for your time in learning more about our organization’s impact in the community and look forward to witnessing what our athletes will accomplish in the future.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Carlson

ABOUT ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS

MISSION

Recognizing the importance of recreation, leisure and competitive opportunities that contribute to quality of life, the primary mission of AzDS 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.

"Let no one sit on the sidelines."

VALUES

Quality of life should not be limited by a physical or mental 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 Justin Murphy: (480) 835-6273 or justin@arizonadisabledsports.com

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ANNUAL AWARDS

Jay Coyner Award - Gabe Scanlan



Jarrell "Jay" Coyner was a bilateral amputee and member of the Arizona Heat track team. Well loved by his fellow teammates, Jay was always there to encourage his fellow athletes and cheer them on in their competitive pursuits. Unfortunately, on February 16, 1995, Jay was struck by a car while pushing home from practice in his racing chair and would later pass away at the age of 18. In Jay's honor, AzDS gives the Jay Coyner Award to an Arizona Heat athlete that truly exemplifies a dedication to sports, commitment to training, and a positive influence on his or her teammates and other athletes. This year's award recipient is Gabe Scanlan.



Paula Rudow Award - Justin Newham

Paula Rudow was an exceptional individual. A dedicated mother, teacher and coach, Paula exhibited a greatness not in concrete achievements but in the impact she left on others. She touched many lives by being kind and showing compassion for others, while leading by example and always trying her best. In honor of the impact she left on our program, the Paula Rudow award is given to a Team Mesa athlete that truly supports other athletes, exhibits exceptional leadership and always gives 100% to all they do. This year's award recipient is Justin Newham.

Coach of the Year - John Dee Schrum

The Coach of the Year exemplifies an exceptional commitment to athlete growth and enhancement of their adaptive program. This year's Coach of the Year is John Dee Schrum. John Dee has shown excellent leadership and continued dedication to creating a superior Archery program, shown in part by five of his athletes qualifying to attend Junior Nationals (two of which attended), several of his other Archery athletes receiving medals in their respective classes at the 2018 Desert Challenge Games and the overall growth in the number of participants in our Arizona Heat Archery program.



Volunteer of the Year - Tyler Hoeft

The Volunteer of the Year shows their commitment to the organization and it's overall mission by exemplary service and a visible, frequent presence at one or more sports programs or recreational activities throughout the year. Dedicating a significant amount of hours to the Team Mesa Golf program as a coach and partner, this year's Volunteer of the Year is Tyler Hoeft.



ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENTS

Troy Davis Inducted into the Mesa Hall of Fame



On November 20, 2017, Paralympian Troy Davis was inducted into the City of Mesa Hall of Fame, the first Paralympic athlete to be given such an honor. A former AzDS Coach of the Year (2007), Davis first competed on the international level in 1994 where he placed third at the World Championships in the 4X100M T52-53 Relay. Davis later competed at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, where he placed fourth in the T54 4X100M Relay and eighth in the T54 100M.

Retiring from competition after the Sydney Games, Davis went on to mentor fellow US wheelchair athlete, Erik Hightower in his quest to also reach the Paralympic Games. Never giving up his competitive spirit, Davis returned to competition, earning a spot on the 2012 Paralympic team in London. A graduate of Mesa High and the University of Arizona, Davis exemplifies the determination physically challenged athletes exhibit and serves as an incredible example of what can be accomplished when barriers are overcome. We thank him for the impact he has made on our organization and our athletes and we congratulate him for this tremendous honor.

Power Soccer Club Wins President's Cup

The Arizona Heat Power Soccer Club entered the 2018 MK Battery Conference Cup Series held from June 28 - July 1 in Fort Wayne, Indiana with high hopes as they continued to learn team strengths and build chemistry throughout the season.

Starting with a 4-0 shutout of Turnstone, the Heat would outscore their opponents 12-6 in pool play and advance to the championship game against Chippewa Valley. Trailing 6-5 with time running out the Heat quickly rebounded, scoring three late game goals to win the Presidents Cup. Led by Captain Gabe Trujillo, who will return next season with other core players, the future looks bright for the AZ Heat Power Soccer Club!



*Coaches: Dave Trujillo & Cindy Wells.
Players: Mike Brady, Jake Bell, Gabe Trujillo,
Eddie McGuire, Mark Hardin, Clark Demland.*

Team Mesa Athletes Compete at Special Olympics USA



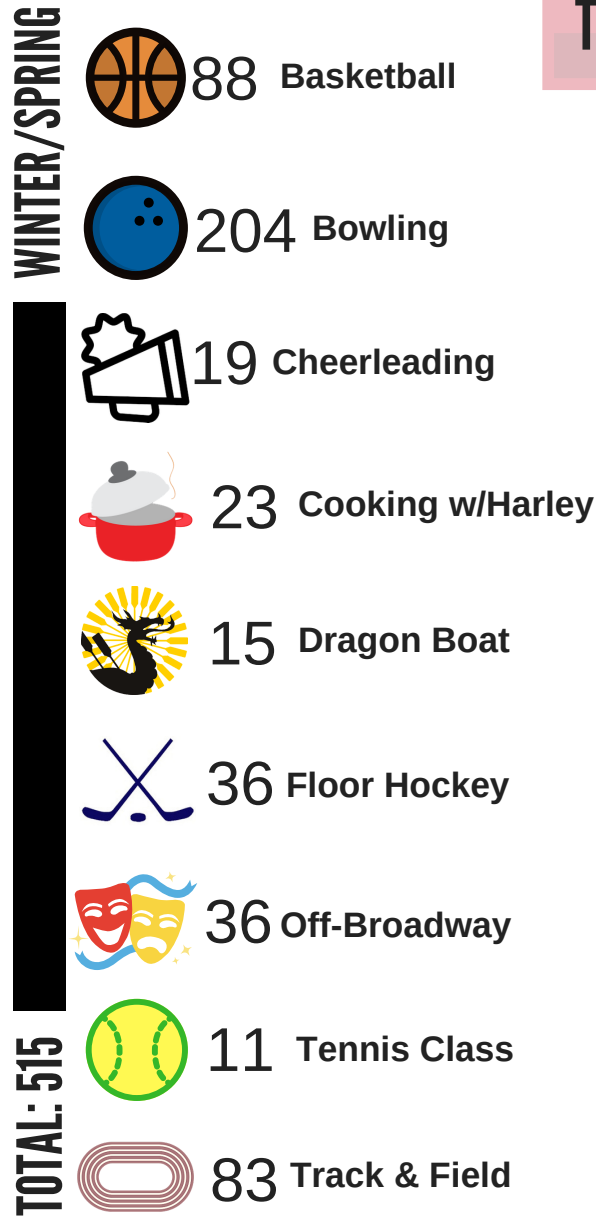
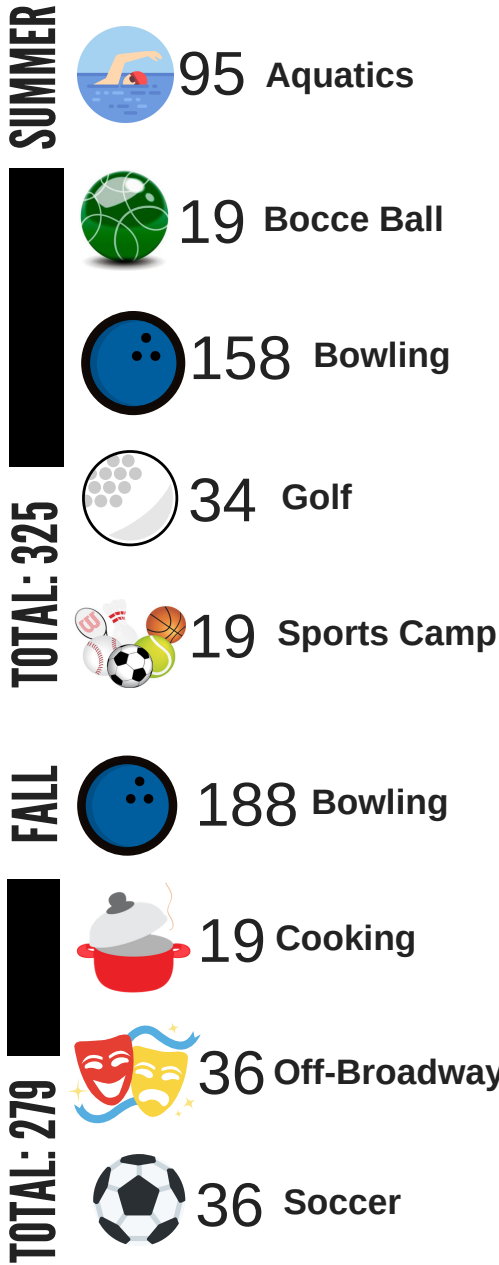
The Team Mesa Bulldogs had two athletes and three partners selected as part of the Unified Basketball team to represent Arizona at the Special Olympics USA Games held from July 1 - 6 in Seattle, Washington. Initially playing in a lower division and dominating other teams, they were moved up to a higher division and finished fourth overall. Participants from Team Mesa included Sawne Rippey, Joseph Summers, Sam Bryner, Tasha Rippey and Anthony White. These and all of our Team Mesa athletes are clear examples of what can be accomplished when you get off the sidelines and get involved!



TEAM MESA BULLDOGS

SPORTS & RECREATION - ATHLETE TOTALS

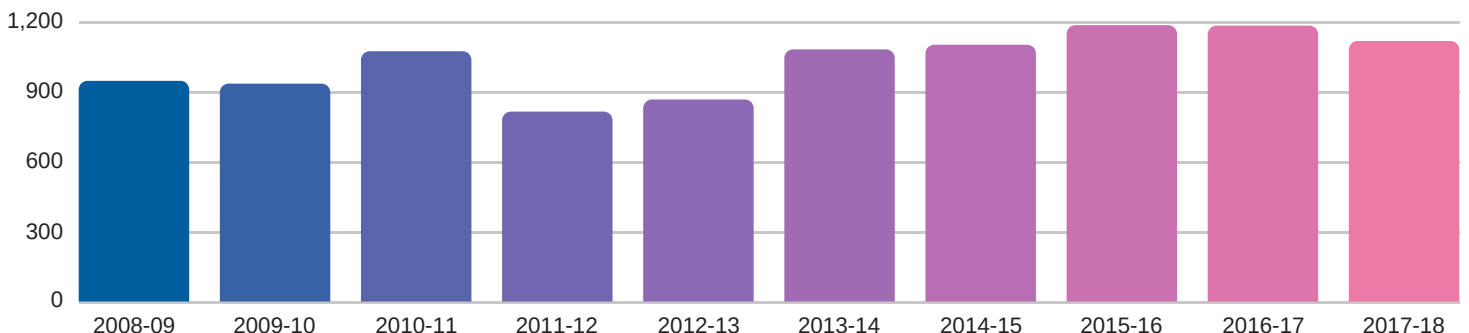
We are fortunate to have many athletes with intellectual disabilities participating in more than one adaptive sports program. The totals below reflect individual athletes who are registered for each program.



THANK YOU COACHES!

- Nick Arnieri
- Christian Atkinson
- Marli Bennett
- Kelly Clifford
- Olivia Connoly
- 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
- Marissa Kuptiz
- Theresa Lares
- Sharon Minnear
- Savannah Noel
- Katie Pankonen
- Harley Ruda
- Rebekah Rudow
- Adam Tinkam
- Cherie Vance
- Lisa Wilson

TOTAL 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
- 36 SOAZ Golf
- 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
- 72 SOAZ State Basketball
- 23 Unified March Madness Basketball Event
- 83 SOAZ Four Peaks Track & Field
- 82 SOAZ State Summer Games

TGIF SOCIALS

- 60 Happy New Year Bowling at AMF
- 32 Desert Animals Flashlight Hike
- 42 A Night to Shine Prom
- 61 Phoenix Zoo & Peter Piper Pizza
- 60 A Night at the Movies
- 58 Sock Hop Dance/Decades Dance
- 60 Phoenix Suns Game
- 45 Feed My Starving Children
- 47 Game & Karaoke Night
- 51 Night at the Museum
- 43 Phoenix Mercury Basketball Game
- 52 Stratum Laser Tag
- 72 Mesa High Aquatics BBQ
- 42 As You Wish Pottery
- 73 Halloween Bash
- 57 Hale Theater
- 52 Miniature Golf & Dinner
- 210 Mistletoe Magic Dinner & Dance
- 47 Holiday Shopping & Dinner
- 56 Holiday Movie Night & Gift Exchange

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 53 Camp Carley
- 60 California Adventure Trip
- 27 "You Look Marvelous" Fashion Show
- 225 Camp Fiesta Summer Camp
- 29 Wiggles & Giggles Preschool
- 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



15 Junior Wheelchair Basketball



11 Power Soccer



13 Kayaking



19 Short Distance Cycling (12)
Long Distance Cycling (7)



11 Bowling



9 Indoor Archery

TOTAL: 78

SPRING



12 Power Soccer



34 Track & Field



37 Archery



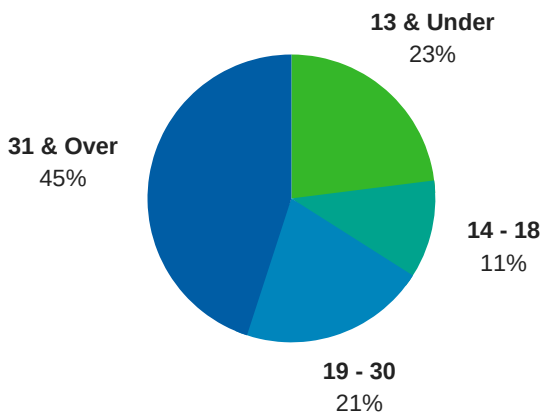
15 Swimming



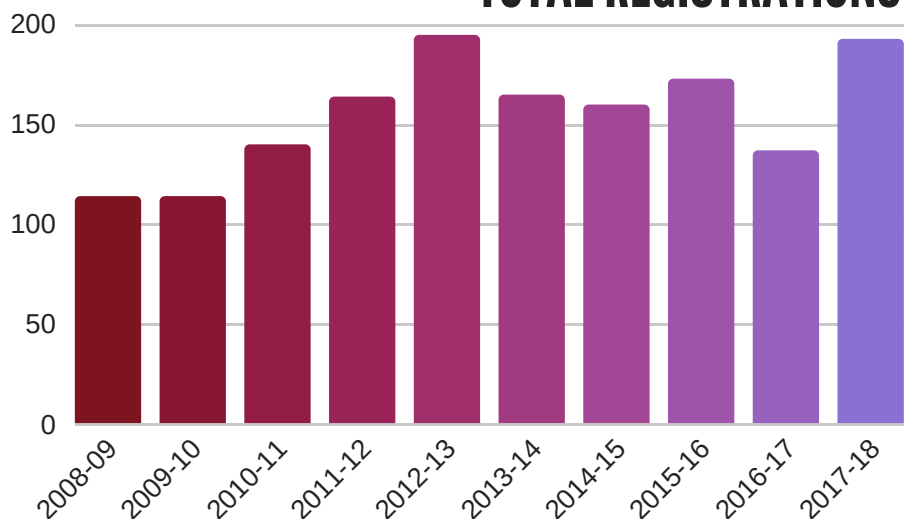
17 Air Gun

TOTAL: 115

AGE BREAKDOWN



TOTAL REGISTRATIONS



ARIZONA HEAT

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 34 Pedal N Paddle Fest
- 6 El Tour De Tucson
- 15 Holiday Bowling Tournament
- 111 JV Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
- 35 SportsFest - Track, Field & Archery
- 28 SkiAble Adaptive Alpine Experience
- 23 AZ USPA Power League Weekend
- 587 Desert Challenge Games

ATHLETE AMBASSADORS

The Athlete Ambassador Program provides our recreational and competitive athletes the opportunity to be a spokesperson for the organization, raising awareness of AzDS, sharing their stories and reaching out to individuals that can benefit from our adaptive programs. Our Athlete Ambassadors serve as positive role models within our organization and the community and we thank them for their support of our mission!

Austin Alcorn *Katie Griffith*
Stephen Binning *Kevin Miller*
John Countryman *Zachary Wharton*

ATHLETE TRAVEL

- 11 Power Soccer MK Battery Conference Cup Series
- 2 Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals

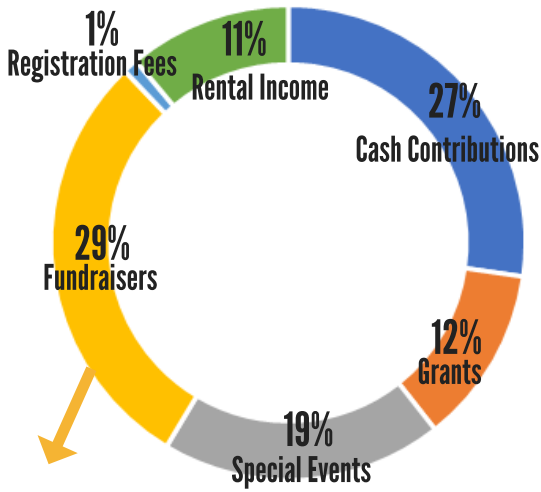
THANK YOU COACHES!

Gillian Aitken	Barb Peacock
Marli Bennett	Jeff Ramsdell
Stephen Binning	Jason Rodie
Tim Binning	Dalton Schrum
Gail Capshaw	John Dee Schrum
Christina Chambers	Dan Subaitis
Mark Grant	Judy Subaitis
Tyler Grant	David Trujillo
Will Helser	Judson VanStee
Ed Hiebert	Cindy Wells
Simon Holzapfel	Taylor Wilson

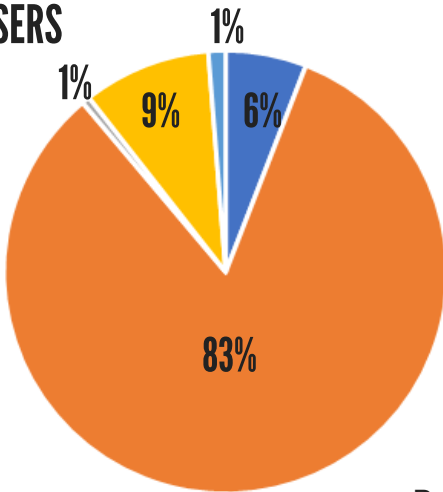


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REVENUE

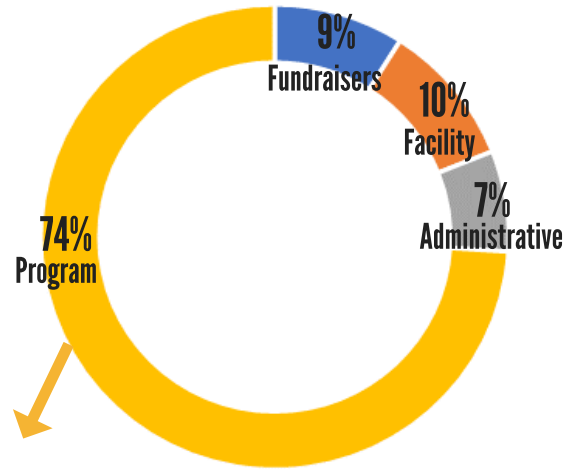


FUNDRAISERS

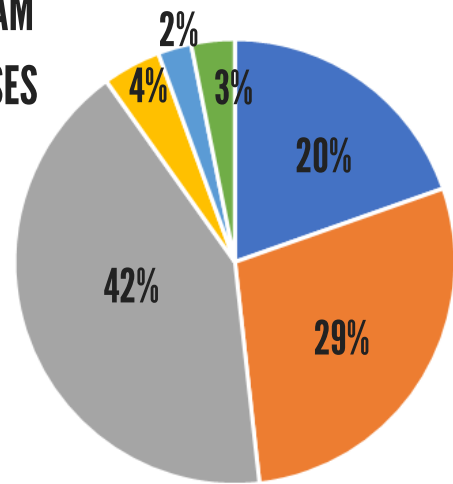


- Ability Ball
- Fashion Show
- Power Soccer Golf Benefit
- Birdies for Charity
- Athlete Fundraisers

EXPENSES



PROGRAM EXPENSES



- Special Events
- Coaches & Staff
- Adaptive Equipment
- Athlete Travel
- Registrations & Fees
- Uniforms

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS Community Member Donations and Duck N Run Golf Tournament Income.

GRANTS Restricted Grant Income.

SPECIAL EVENTS Desert Challenge Games, SkiAble, Disneyland Adventure, Camp Carley, El Tour De Tucson, Holiday Bowling Tournament, Junior Suns Tournament, SportsFest, Pedal N Paddle, and Power Soccer League Weekend.

FUNDRAISERS Ability Ball, Fashion Show, Power Soccer Golf Benefit, Birdies for Charity, and Athlete Fundraisers.

REGISTRATION FEES Program Registration Fees.

RENTAL INCOME Broadway Recreation Center Rental Fees and Equipment Rentals.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF AzDS!

SPONSORS

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

Platinum (DC Games) - \$15,000
BP

Silver (DC Games) - \$5,000
Adaptive Sports USA
Bob Woodruff Foundation
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Warfighter Sports

Diamond (Ability Ball) - \$5,000
Brandon Dale

Bronze (DC Games) - \$3,000
Hanger Charitable Foundation
HealthSouth

Platinum (Ability Ball) - \$3,000
Simpson Strong-Tie

Gold (Ability Ball) - \$2,000
JFK Electrical Enterprises, Inc.

Silver (Ability Ball) - \$1,100
Ability Center
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Team Evan
The Village Family
Todd Breuer
Tru Team
United Heritage

Goodwill (DC Games) - \$1,000
Carvana
Visit Mesa

PARTNERS

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Papago Park Archery Range
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The Hartford
Tower Point Resort

FACILITIES

Ability 360 Sports & Fitness Ctr
AMF Mesa Lanes
Arizona Snowbowl
Arizona State University - Joe Selleh Track
Brimhall Aquatic Center
Broadway Recreation Center
Camp Tatiyee
Chandler Center for the Arts
Disney CA Adventure Parks
Disneyland
Eagles Community Center
East Mesa Bowl
El Dorado Park
Greenfield Lakes Golf Course
Hohokam Stadium
Jefferson Recreation Center
Kino Aquatics Center
Mesa Convention Center
Mesa High School
Mesa Tennis Center
Papago Park Archery Range
Quail Run Sports Complex
Red Mountain Center
Red Mountain High School
Skyline Aquatic Center
Skyline High School
Stapley Junior High
Tempe Town Lake Marina
Tower Point Resort
Webster Recreation Center

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