

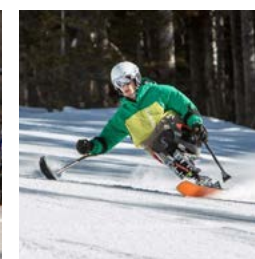


FY 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT

CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION®'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINS APRIL 1 AND ENDS MARCH 31



TEAM CAF



WE ARE TEAM CAF

Where others see obstacles, we see opportunities. This is the philosophy of every person on Team CAF, and it's what drives us to redefine what's possible. We are athletes, we are families, we are volunteers, we are ambassadors, and we are supporters. But above all, we are the ones bold enough to finish a challenge, and ask "what's next?"

- A

WE ARE FAMILIES
NOAH AND LUCAS ALDRICH PERSONIFY THE POWER OF BROTHERLY LOVE
- B

WE ARE SPONSORS
ASPEN MEDICAL PRODUCTS TEAM, THE PROUD TITLE SPONSOR OF SDTC FOR 15 YEARS AND COUNTING
- C

WE ARE AMBASSADORS
BASKETBALL LEGEND BILL WALTON RIDES 620-MILES DOWN THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT CAF'S MISSION
- D

WE ARE STAFF
AS AN ACCOMPLISHED CHALLENGED ATHLETE HIMSELF, TRAVIS RICKS IS ALSO AN IMPACTFUL MENTOR
- E

WE ARE VOLUNTEERS
THE HEART OF CAF, THEY GENEROUSLY DONATE THEIR TALENTS AND TIME



WE ARE ATHLETES

The Spectrum of Team CAF athletes are defined by their spirit, will and positive 'can-do' attitude - not their disabilities. They are mothers, fathers, sons and daughters; firefighters, movie stars, veterans and veterinarians; students, professors, physicians and technicians.

- A

ALANA
PARALYMPIAN, PIONEER, SHREDDER
SPORT: SKI, KAYAK, BASKETBALL
- B

BRAYLON
SPEEDSTER, TEAMMATE, TV-STAR
SPORT: BASEBALL, TRACK
- C

DARTANYON
COMPETITOR, POWERHOUSE, MUSICIAN
SPORT: JUDO
- D

HAVEN
WINNER, FASHIONISTA, DYNAMO
SPORT: SWIM, TRACK
- E

LEROY
VICTOR, MOTIVATOR, JOKESTER
SPORT: WRESTLING
- F

ANTHONY
SOLDIER, LEADER, ENTREPRENEUR
SPORT: BASKETBALL, MARTIAL ARTS
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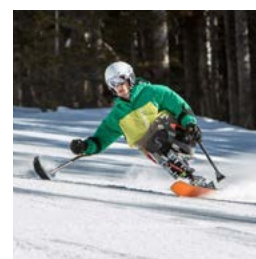
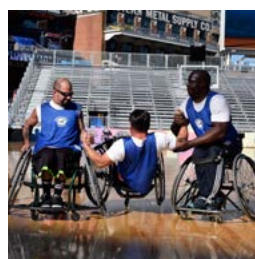
ABEL
CHARMER, SKATER, ADVENTURER
SPORT: WCMX
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MAYLI
CHAMPION, ANGEL, #BESTIE
SPORT: CHEER, DANCE, VOLLEYBALL





FROM ONE CAME MANY



THE BEGINNING

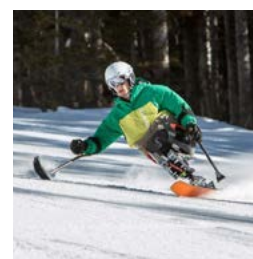
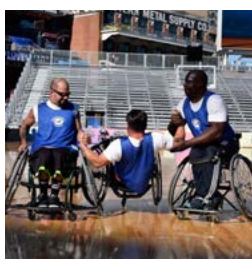
Twenty-three years ago, an effort to help one man launched a global change in the way athletes with physical challenges are perceived - and perceive themselves. Jim MacLaren was an exceptional athlete, first as an amputee and then as a quadriplegic. After losing his leg in a motorcycle accident, Jim became a pioneer, achieving feats that others never thought possible for amputees, including finishing IRONMAN® in 10:42 and in the top 20 percent of ALL competitors. After a tragic second accident left him a quadriplegic, a group of friends came together and held the first San Diego Triathlon Challenge (SDTC) in 1994 to help purchase an adaptive van for Jim. The goal was to raise \$25,000 and provide Jim freedom and autonomy. Over \$49,000 was raised that day, and more importantly, was the birth of a community, a movement and a new term - “challenged athlete.” Since that first SDTC, over \$76 million has been raised, more than 13,000 challenged athletes around the world have been funded and tens of thousands more have been motivated to make sports and fitness a part of their daily lives. Jim may no longer be with us, but his legacy lives on through Team CAF.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Challenged Athletes Foundation® (CAF) to provide opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. CAF believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life.



2016 GRANT DISTRIBUTION



GRANTS APPROVED BY YEAR

CAF steps in where rehabilitation and health insurance ends by funding grants for adaptive sports equipment, training, and competition expenses directly to challenged athletes. Grant applications open every September and are awarded in April.



1,469 GRANTS IN 2014



1,709 GRANTS IN 2015



2,098 GRANTS IN 2016

DIFFERENT SPORTS FUNDED

81



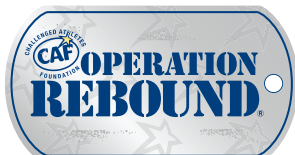
MOST POPULAR GRANT FUNDED

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



FIRST TIME GRANTEEES

50%



FRONTLINE TO FINISH LINE.™

CAF's Operation Rebound® program strengthens the mental and physical well-being of veterans and first responders with permanent physical injuries by providing them opportunities to use sports and fitness to reintegrate into their communities.

185 GRANTS IN 2014

214 GRANTS IN 2015

260 GRANTS IN 2016

\$450K

AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

31%

FIRST TIME OPERATION REBOUND GRANTEEES

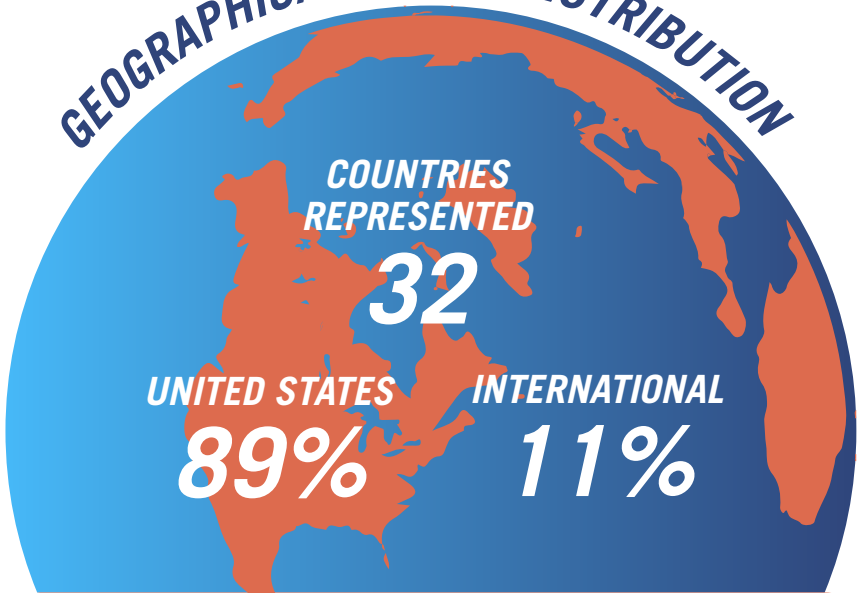
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INCREASE IN OPERATION REBOUND GRANTS TO WOMEN

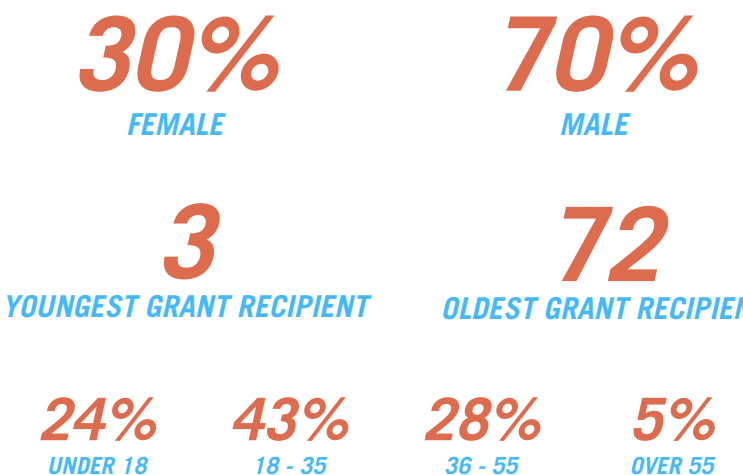


OVER \$3.7M [MILLION]
GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

GEOGRAPHICAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND GENDER



TYPES OF GRANTS DISTRIBUTED



COMPETITION AND TRAINING EXPENSES

69%

OF TOTAL GRANTS

COMPETITION

	# OF GRANTS
Beep Baseball	113
Blind Bowling	31
Cycling / Handcycling	32
Golf Events	4
Marathons	13
Other Sports	115
Power Soccer	24
Shooting	6
Surfing	30
Track and Field	48
Triathlons	56
Water Sports	36
Wheelchair Basketball	85
Wheelchair Rugby	27
Wheelchair Tennis	21

SPORT COACHING / TRAINING

220



ADAPTIVE SPORTS EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

31%

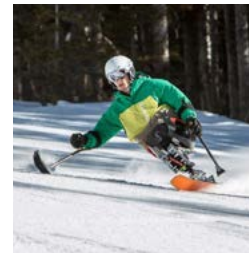
OF TOTAL GRANTS

EQUIPMENT

	# OF GRANTS
All-Court Wheelchairs	27
Basketball Wheelchairs	183
Bicycles	17
Handcycles	115
Hockey Sleds	26
Monoskis	6
Prosthetics	89
Rugby Wheelchairs	39
Racing Wheelchairs	9
Racing Wheels	11
Sport Equipment	100
WCMX Wheelchairs	10



TYPES OF GRANTS



SPORT	# OF GRANTS
Adaptive Self-Defense	2
Alpine Skiing	31
Archery	8
Badminton	3
Baseball	7
Basketball	1
Beep Baseball	114
Blind Bowling	32
Bobsledding and Skeleton	3
Boccia Ball	14
Boxing	1
Circus-Acrobatics	1
Climbing	5
Cross-Country Skiing	6
Crossfit	10
Curling	4
Cycling	75
Dance	4
Equestrian	13
Fencing	6
Fitness Training	4
Football	1
Fronton	1
Goalball	19
Golf	11
Gymnastics	1
Judo	5
Handcycling	131
Hiking	1
Hunting	1
Ice Skating	1
Karate	2
Kayaking	9
Martial Arts / MMA / Jiu Jitsu	2
Miscellaneous*	4
Motorcross	1
Mountain Bike	1
Obstacle Course Racing	3

*Young kids still experimenting in various sports



TEAM CAF ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT:

ALANA NICHOLS // KAYAKING

In 2000, Alana Nichols suffered a spinal cord injury while attempting a backflip on her snowboard. Although paralyzed from the waist down, Alana’s athletic career wouldn’t be on hold for long.

By 2004, Alana was a Paralympic alternate and in 2008, won her first gold medal in wheelchair basketball. After that, Alana made the 2010 Vancouver squad and won two gold, a silver, and a bronze in monoski. This would officially make her the first woman, Paralympian or Olympian, to take gold in both the Summer and Winter games.

Now looking to medal in her third Paralympic sport, Alana will take on women’s kayaking in the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.



TEAM CAF ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT:

ERIC MCELVENNY // TRIATHLON

Following graduation and US Marine Corps training, Eric McElvenny deployed three times to the Middle East. In December 2011, his third deployment to Afghanistan, Eric was working with Afghan soldiers and stepped on an IED, suffering the loss of his right leg below the knee in the explosion.

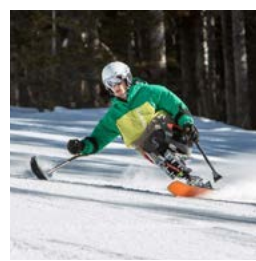
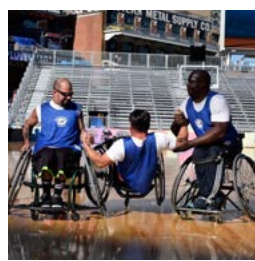
Eric raced in his first two triathlons just 6 months after taking his first post-injury steps. Since then, Eric has raced in several IRONMAN 70.3 races, as well as IRONMAN World Championships in Kona, Hawaii.

Eric hopes to motivate others, to get out there, be active, accomplish goals, overcome adversities, build confidence and enjoy life.

SPORT	# OF GRANTS
Ocean / Outrigger Canoe	6
Power Hockey	2
Power Soccer	43
Powerlifting / Weightlifting	11
Rock Climbing	17
Rowing	3
Running	73
Sailing	7
Scuba Diving	3
Shooting	9
Sitting Volleyball	8
Skateboarding	4
Sled Hockey	61
Slowpitch Softball	1
SnoCross	1
Snowboarding	12
Soccer	3
Softball	2
Stand Up Paddleboarding	1
Surfing	38
Swimming	68
Synchronized Swimming	7
Table Tennis	3
Taekwondo	1
Track & Field	106
Triathlon	96
Waterskiing	2
WCMX	23
Wheelchair Ballroom Dancing	3
Wheelchair Basketball	330
Wheelchair Billiards	1
Wheelchair Hockey	2
Wheelchair Lacrosse	5
Wheelchair Racing	59
Wheelchair Rugby	79
Wheelchair Softball	3
Wheelchair Tennis	44
Wrestling	2
Yoga	2



SIGNATURE EVENTS



YOU CONQUERED 620-MILES IN 7 DAYS

Mazda Foundation Million Dollar Challenge riders and sponsors, YOU made the 10th Anniversary a record-breaking year and raised over:

\$1.6 MILLION

YOU SWAM. YOU RODE. YOU RAN. YOU INSPIRED

Aspen Medical Products San Diego Triathlon Challenge, 24 Hour Fitness Tour de Cove and Kaiser Permanente Thrive-5K Fitness Walk participants and sponsors raised over:

\$1.5 MILLION



REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF A HERO AND FRIEND

A Celebration of Will, A CAF Gala to Honor the Legacy of Robin Williams established an endowment in honor of Robin, who generously gave his energy and support to CAF. The evening raised over:

\$2.4 MILLION

NEW YORK CELEBRATES THE UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT

A Celebration of Heroes, Heart and Hope Gala celebrated the Unbreakable spirit in all of us. This year's gala honoree Byron Roth led a generous crowd to help support challenged athletes and raised over:

\$2.3 MILLION



CELEBRATION OF ABILITIES

CAF recognized these five individuals that went above and beyond in 2015:



CHRISTIAAN BAILEY
TRAILBLAZER AWARD



DAVID WAGNER
EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE
PERFORMANCE



ERIC MCELVENNY
MOST INSPIRATIONAL
ATHLETE



JOHN CAMPBELL
JIM MACLAREN AWARD



ALDRICH BROTHERS
RISING STAR AWARD

ACCOLADES

CAF is proud to have been nominated, awarded and recognized by leading organizations.



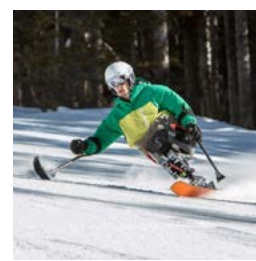
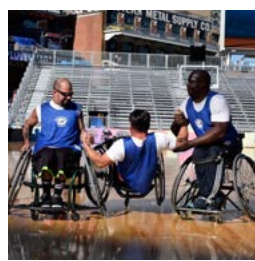
CAF's Operation Rebound® is accredited by The Patriots Initiative (TPI), as one of finest non-profit organizations in the nation supporting America's armed forces service members, veterans and their families.



San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded CAF with the Most Innovative Marketing Campaign for a Small Business for the #TeamCAF grant season campaign.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015/16



FIRST-EVER YOUTH PARATRIATHLON CAMP

Fifteen young, aspiring athletes were provided a unique three-day triathlon experience including athletic training sessions, body mechanic evaluations, equipment training, mentorship, historic education on the sport and, most importantly, a fun and social atmosphere to make new friends.



INAUGURAL WORLD ADAPTIVE SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

The first-ever International Surfing Association (ISA) World Adaptive Surfing Championship presented by Challenged Athletes Foundation in La Jolla, California united the global community of adaptive surfers. CAF funded travel for **33 adaptive surfers** from around the US and the world.



BACK TO BACK NORCAL & NEW YORK CYCLING EVENTS

Riders and supporters enjoyed the camaraderie that only CAF cycling rides offer. Back to Back NorCal featured an epic tour of the California wine country, and New York showcased military history and culinary excellence - all to support challenged athletes.



SELECT MAJOR PARTNERS INCLUDE:



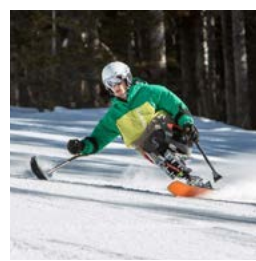
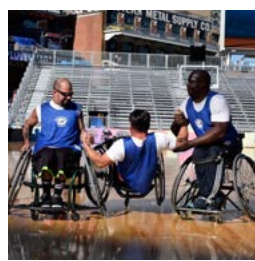
THE DIFFERENCE OUR PARTNERS MAKE

CAF strives to connect and develop long-term relationships with corporate partners, private foundations and other funders who share our commitment to improve the lives of others through sports and physical fitness. We believe that a successful relationship has several points of intersection in terms of shared value, employee engagement, transformational moments and a genuine understanding of what each party brings to the table. We thank our many sponsors and partners for helping us fiscally, through in-kind product donations and by creating shared value through our brand connection.





CONTINUED NEED



YOUR SUPPORT IS STILL NEEDED

As awareness of CAF grows, we are excited to receive more and more grant applications every year. However, even with successful events, generous support from sponsors and donors, and committed fundraisers, there is a continued need to raise funds that will help support every challenged athlete who applies for a grant.



<\$35K

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD
INCOME OF 55% OF CAF
GRANT APPLICANTS¹



\$2.28M

ADDITIONAL DOLLARS
NEEDED TO FULFILL 100% OF
2015 GRANT REQUESTS¹



291

GRANT APPLICANTS
WHO WILL **NOT** RECEIVE
A CAF GRANT THIS YEAR¹

\$4.7M+

ESTIMATED LIFETIME COST FOR AN
INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERED A SPINAL
CORD INJURY AT AGE 25²

\$500K+

ESTIMATED LIFETIME HEALTHCARE
COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
LIMB LOSS³

¹Stitch Marketing & Research, 2015
²Spinal Cord Injury Model System, 2015
³Amputee Coalition, 2015
⁴For High Tetraplegia (C1-C4) Spinal Cord injury

CONTRIBUTORS AND DONATIONS

FULL-TIME STAFF

24

VOLUNTEERS

1,500

PARTICIPANT FUNDRAISERS

1,996

NUMBER OF DONATIONS

13,321

YOUR SUPPORT GOES MILES

Your generous support will provide opportunity to individuals with physical challenges, so they can find success in sports – and in life.

To give directly, visit:

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To view FY 2015/16 facts and figures, please visit challengedathletes.org

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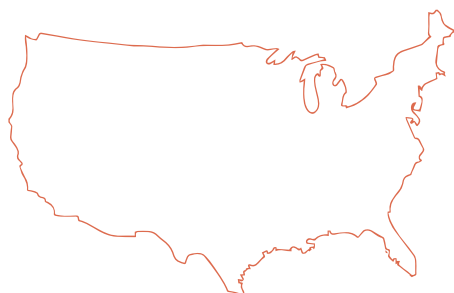
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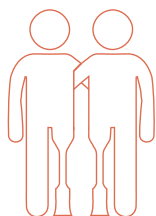
21M [MILLION]

INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH PERMANENT
PHYSICAL CHALLENGES IN THE UNITED STATES*



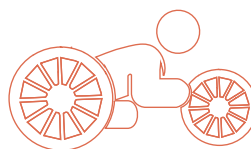
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INDIVIDUALS REPORTED INCREASE
IN HAPPINESS, CONFIDENCE AND
EMOTIONAL SATISFACTION AFTER
RECEIVING A CAF GRANT¹



8/10

INDIVIDUALS REPORTED
INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION
IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AFTER
RECEIVING A CAF GRANT¹



7/10

INDIVIDUALS REPORTED
INCREASE IN HOBBIES AND
NEW INTERESTS AFTER
RECEIVING A CAF GRANT¹



94%

INDIVIDUALS REPORTED AN INCREASE
IN LIFESTYLE IMPROVEMENTS AND
CAPABILITIES DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED
TO CAF SUPPORT¹

¹Stitch Marketing & Research, 2015
²2016 United States Olympic Committee

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