



**ERIK SELDEN** 



**BILLY HENRY** 

## OUR MISSION:

To provide life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

Dear Friends,

We are honored to share our 2016-17 Annual Report to the community on behalf of the individuals and families served by Northwest Association for Blind Athletes. A decade ago, NWABA was founded with a drive to transform the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. That same drive lives on in our organization today and helps to guide everything we do. With the help of 364 tireless volunteer champions, dedicated teachers and families, strong program partners, and loyal supporters, together we made the following impact this fiscal year:

- Transformed the quality of life for more than 1,500 individuals with visual impairments.
- Delivered more than 2,000 hours of direct program services at no charge to children, youth, adults and military veterans in communities of all sizes across our region.
- Launched the Adapted Equipment Lending Library to provide program services in participants' home, school and local community.
- Scaled our nationally leading, proven, program model to the Southern Willamette Valley to ensure individuals of all ages and ability levels receive the programs and services they need to achieve success.

With you by our side, we are truly making an impact. At the core of NWABA's mission is helping individuals with visual impairments gain the confidence, self-esteem, independence and sense of community they need to be successful in all areas of life. Every day, individuals who are blind or visually impaired are gaining the skills, tools and resources they need to experience an improved quality of life.

We hope that you enjoy the information and photos in this year's Annual Report. Please feel free to contact Billy Henry, Founder/Executive Director, directly at **360.718.2826** or **bhenry@nwaba.org** at any time with your thoughts, ideas, or questions.

Thank you for your support, dedication and belief in the power of our mission and programs. Together, we are truly changing lives, breaking down barriers, and making a difference.

Sincerely,

**Erik Selden**Board President

Billy Henry
Founder/Executive Director

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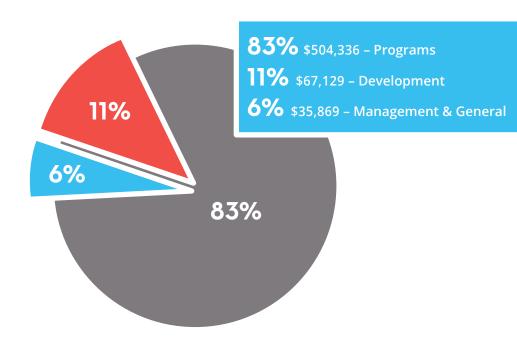
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# FINANCIALS & IMPACT JULY 1ST, 2016-JUNE 30TH, 2017

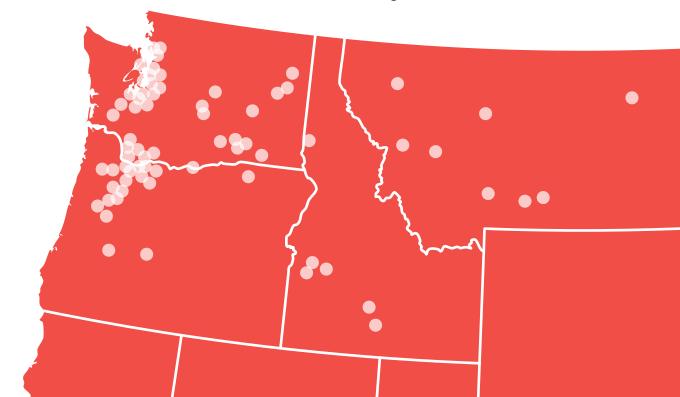
	2017	2016
Total Revenue	\$700,430	\$516,287
Total Expense	\$607,334	\$444,701
Ending Net Assets	\$289,896	\$196,800

We are proud to say that 83% of expenses go directly to support life-changing programs for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Northwest Association for Blind Athletes values your generosity and is committed to full transparency. A copy of our Form 990 is available upon request and can be found on our organization's website (www.nwaba.org).



We are honored to have been awarded a Platinum Seal, the highest level possible, by Guidestar, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.

Premier Program Partner: KM



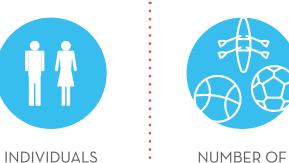


## SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM

## PROVIDING SKILLS, FRIENDSHIPS AND JOY

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes' Sports Outreach Program provides on-going programming, Paralympic Experiences, clinics and camps to individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments in communities of all sizes across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Since hosting the first Sports Outreach Clinic in 2010 with 35 participants, this program has quickly become NWABA's cornerstone program and has served thousands of individuals in need since its inception.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, participants learned to ride a bike for the first time, run independently, complete their first lap in the pool, and countless other truly life-changing opportunities that transcend the program. The confidence, self-esteem, friendships, joy and sense of community that are built throughout this program reach far beyond each individual event and truly act as a catalyst for an improved quality of life.



SERVED:



NUMBER OF **EVENTS:** 



**PROGRAM HOURS:** 



**CATHY POGUE** 



## CAMP ABILITIES OREGON

## BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SITTING ON THE SIDELINES

relate to my daily challenges - ATHENA, NWABA ATHLETE

In July, 2016, Northwest Association for Blind Athletes launched Camp Abilities Oregon for children and youth, ages 8-15, with visual impairments. In its inaugural year in July, 2016, Camp welcomed 31 children for an entire week at Willamette University in Salem, OR. With the help of an extraordinary team of counselors, specialists and volunteers, campers participated in a program-packed week full of opportunities including goalball, judo, paddle boarding, tandem cycling, hiking and countless others. Campers reveled in this experience together, often encouraging each other through "smileygrams", a message board available to all campers, and "care to share" time, which is a period in each day when campers are able to share their accomplishments of the day to the entire camp.

Camp Abilities Oregon aims to break the cycle of sitting on the sidelines and focuses on promoting independence and life skills through sport and physical activity. Throughout the week, each camper grew significantly in all areas with data being sent home to families and school districts to ensure that growth continues throughout the remainder of the year. Campers learned how to navigate the campus independently, made friendships that transcended camp, and gained essential life-skills that will last a lifetime. Additionally, a comprehensive assessment was also sent home to each camper's family and teacher to ensure the skills learned at camp can be applied at home and school throughout the year.



SPORTS/ **ACTIVITIES** OFFERED:





HIGH FIVES:





SMILEY-GRAMS























## SPORTS ADAPTATIONS

# PROVIDING EQUIPMENT, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITY

Through the Sports Adaptations Program, Northwest Association for Blind Athletes provides adaptations and consultations to individuals with visual impairments to allow them to better integrate into their physical education classes and community-based programs. We work with individuals, parents, and PE teachers to make sure that any individual, no matter their age or ability has access to sports and physical activity.

This service is centered around providing the following services:

**Physical Education Consultations** – Consultations are provided to teachers to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to make their units accessible to children and youth who are blind.

Adapted Equipment Lending Library - Launched in February of 2017, NWABA lends adaptive sports equipment to registered athletes for up to 2 months at no cost to the individual, school, or family. This way, our athletes, no matter where they live, what school they attend, or what their socioeconomic status is, will have access to sports equipment that works for them.

**Video Resource Center** – Looking into the future, NWABA is working on building a Video Resource Library to enhance the Adaptive Equipment Lending Library experience. We have developed instructional videos for different physical activities for individuals with visual impairments. This way, individuals, parents, and friends can watch to see how to best use the equipment.



100

PIECES



INDIVIDUALS SERVED:

181



PROGRAM
SERVICE HOURS:

198



PE CONSULTATIONS:



# SUPPORTING TEAMS, PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS, INCREASING VISIBILITY

Through the Sports Teams program, NWABA has incubated various teams throughout the region to provide on-going, weekly programming in Goalball and Dragon Boating. A growing component of this program is the partnership program where athletes are matched with volunteers from the community, so they can participate in running, hiking, cycling and more on a regular basis. Through on-going and competitive opportunities, our athletes learn to be a team player, relieve stress, conquer isolation and depression, experience success, and have fun!

NWABA's Scholarship Program provides funding and support to allow individuals to travel to competitions and purchase basic adaptive equipment like running shoes. These transformational scholarships fulfill dreams that are not met through other NWABA programs and create memories that will last a lifetime.

The Increasing Visibility Program brings awareness to the public about the need of programs and services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. This is done by attending awareness events, participating in public speaking engagements, and hosting informational booths. NWABA is committed to advocating for individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS: 27
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$3,603

**INCREASING VISIBILITY:** 

COMMUNITY CONTACTS: 20,000 + NEWS STORIES: 30 +

I love having the ability to work one-to-one with someone and challenging myself. This partnership has allowed me to build a more personal relationship with my partner - TOM, NWABA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ATHLETE



SPORTS TEAMS

1,500 PROGRAM HOURS

100 INDIVIDUALS SERVED DURING



## VOLUNTEERS

## CHAMPIONS OF OUR MISSION

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes is fortunate to have an extraordinary team of volunteers who support nearly every aspect of our operation. Volunteers take on the roles of tandem bike pilots, coaches, guide runners, board members, committee leaders, and so much more to help improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments. It is only with the help of volunteers in communities across our region, that NWABA is able to create awe-inspiring moments, catalyze new friendships, and deliver transformational programs. Thank you, Volunteers, for all you do to help us change lives and make a difference. You are truly the biggest champions of our mission!

Working with NWABA's athletes is a tremendously rewarding experience and reminder of the impact this organization makes in our community. You get to see first-hand how lives are changed and improved. I come away from each event energized and feeling blessed to be associated with this organization.

**JONATHAN NELSON**NWABA BOARD MEMBER

77



VOLUNTEER HOURS:

2750







VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS:





## CHAMPIONS LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY

## BECOME A CHAMPION. LEAVE A LEGACY.

The Champions Legacy Giving Society was created to recognize individuals and families who have chosen to support Northwest Association for Blind Athletes through a planned gift. The society helps to ensure that children, youth, adults and military veterans with visual impairments will always have opportunities to build confidence, improve self-esteem, develop friendships and gain the skills, tools and resources they need to be successful for a lifetime. Below are several ways you can become involved:

Bequests – Through a bequest gift, you can designate Northwest Association for Blind Athletes to receive cash, appreciated securities or property included in your estate plan. Your bequest can be a percentage of your estate, specific dollar amount, or the balance remaining after the will has given away other bequests.

**Beneficiary Designations** – Individuals can select Northwest Association for Blind Athletes as the beneficiary of their retirement accounts or life-insurance policies. This is another easy way to improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments while receiving a tax-deduction.

**Securities** – Designating stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities to Northwest Association for Blind Athletes allows you to avoid capital gains tax while ensuring that our programs are making a difference for a lifetime.

The options listed above are only a few ways that you can get involved. Please contact Billy Henry, Founder/Executive Director, at 360-448-7254 or bhenry@nwaba.org for more information about how you can get involved.

I chose to designate a bequest to Northwest Association for Blind Athletes because I truly believe in their ability to create opportunities, inspire independence, and make a life-long impact on the lives of the individuals they serve.

ANONYMOUS
CHAMPIONS LEGACY
GIVING SOCIETY



## GET INVOLVED

## HELP CHANGE LIVES TODAY!

Each year, individuals, groups and businesses get involved with Northwest Association for Blind Athletes to support our life-changing programs for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We invite you to learn more about how you can transform lives and get involved today!



#### Make a Gift

Please consider making a gift to allow us to reach more individuals, expand services, and help individuals with visual impairments build the confidence, community, and independence they need to achieve success in all areas of life.



#### **Donate Your Day**

Each year, individuals, businesses, and groups host events to benefit our programs and services. Please consider supporting NWABA during your birthday, anniversary, or other special event to help fuel our life-changing programs.



#### Volunteer

Join us as tandem bike captain, ski guide, swimming instructor, committee member or other volunteer position and experience our mission-in-action.

Contact Us to Get Involved Today! Please call 360.448.7254, email hello@nwaba.org or visit www.nwaba.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

#### Connect

Connect with us on social media to experience our mission-in-action and explore how you can get more involved.













When we decide which organizations to support, the factors that we look for are impact, outreach, viability and leadership within the organization as well at the board level. NWABA is one of the rare jewels that hits on all points, and as a result, we are pleased to be able to support such a great organization that is truly enriching lives and providing opportunities to those with visual impairments.

KIM & LISA CAPELOTO. NWABA SUPPORTERS



# THANK YOU!

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(\$10,000+)

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(\$5,000.00 - \$9,999)

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