

2012-13

ANNUAL REPORT



NW ASSOCIATION
FOR
BLIND
ATHLETES



Erik Selden

Dear Friends,

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes (NWABA) is excited to present our 2012-13 Annual Report to the Community. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, corporate partners and volunteers we have been able to positively impact the lives of over 1,000 individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments.

Over the last fiscal year, each of our life-changing programs has grown immensely. As with previous years, the most significant gain was in our summer program which served more than 200 visually impaired individuals in just two months. Throughout last year, we also worked to strengthen partnerships with other organizations, further fueling growth.

Through each of our programs, we transform lives by introducing individuals with visual impairments to sports. Once they experience sports and physical activities, our participants have more self-confidence and open up to the possibility that they really can pursue their dreams in both sports and life. Our athletes leave behind sedentary, isolated lives and they gain skills, confidence and joy.

In addition to significant program growth, more than 150 volunteers worked over 5000 hours last year to support our mission and programs. We rely on volunteers to be coaches and referees, serve on committees, help at our administrative office, assist with fundraising events and so much more. The dedication of these caring individuals allows us to make a lasting difference in the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

We hope that you enjoy the information and photos in this year's Annual Report. Please contact us if you would like to learn more about our mission and programs or would like to get involved with NWABA.

Sincerely,

Erik Selden
Board President

Billy Henry
Co-Founder/Executive Director



Billy Henry

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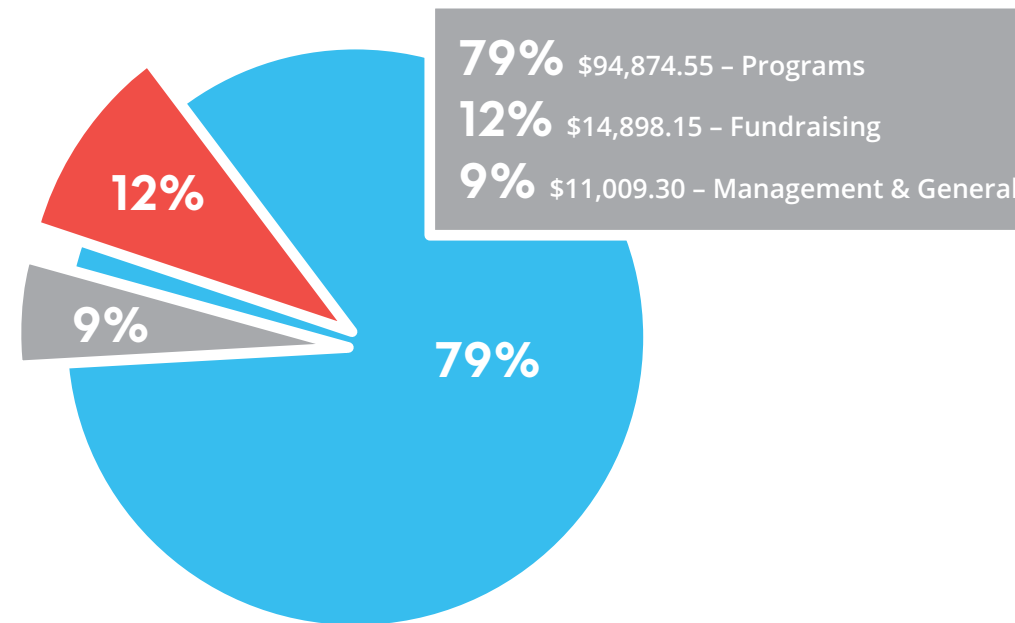
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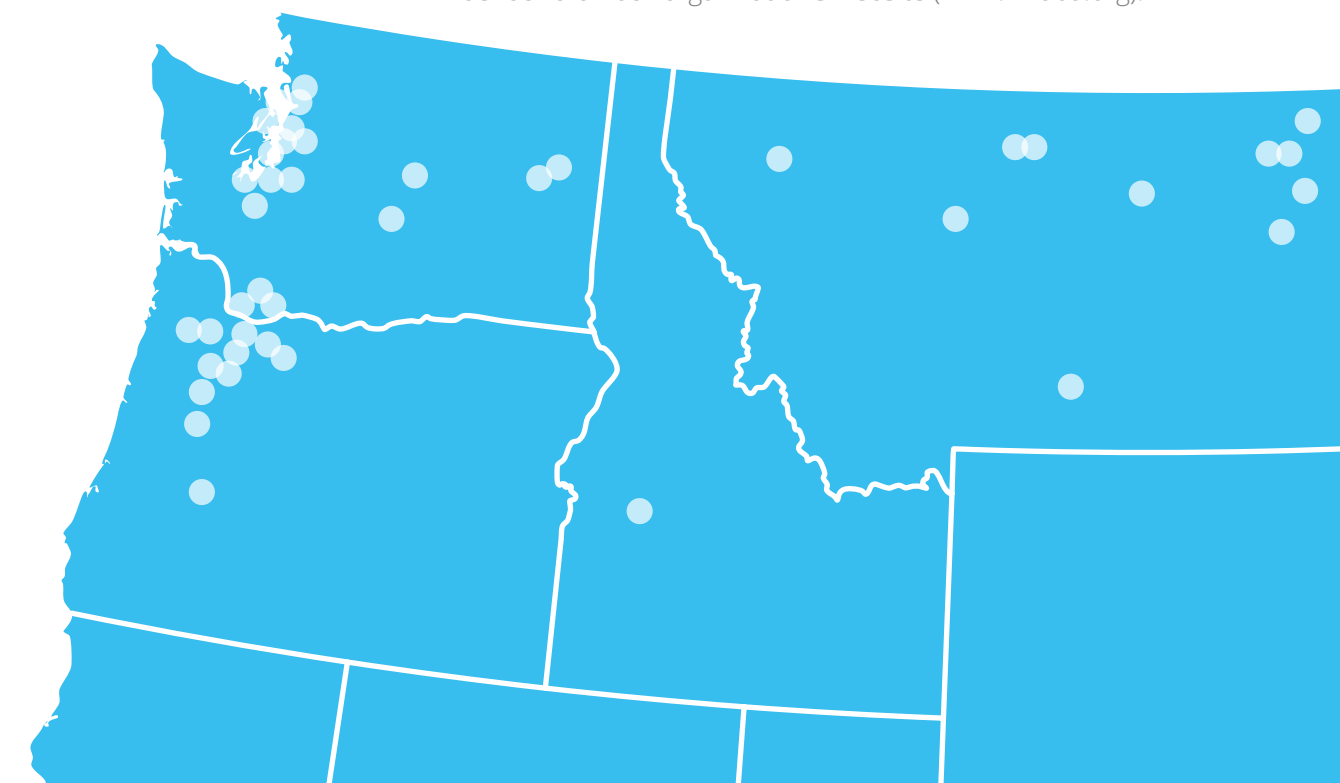
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Additionally, we are also honored to announce that we have been awarded a Gold Seal by Guidestar, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.



FINANCIALS & IMPACT JULY 1ST, 2012-JUNE 30TH, 2013

	2013	2012
Total Revenue:	\$148,092	\$70,042
Total Expenses:	\$120,782	\$62,071
Ending Net Assets:	\$45,558	\$18,248

We are proud to say that 78.5% 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-EZ is available upon request and can be found on our organization's website (www.nwaba.org).



NWABA'S SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM

experienced a record year in 2012-13. With **70%** of blind or visually impaired, school-aged children having never participated in physical activity or PE courses, NWABA's Sports Outreach Program is understandably needed and loved by the children, their teachers and their parents.

In 2012-13, NWABA provided **425** children and adults of all ages with sports activities that improved their fitness and raised their self-esteem. For many this was the first time they experienced the joy of physical activity. NWABA offered experiences in:

- Goalball
- Judo
- Tandem cycling
- Track and Field
- Showdown (Adaptive ping pong)
- Hiking
- Beep Baseball
- Swimming

NWABA Sports Outreach work included school visits, clinics, camps, development competitions and awareness events.



SCHOOL VISITS

When requested by schools or parents, NWABA worked with students in physical education classes, helping blind or visually impaired students become more engaged with their peers. During school visits, NWABA also worked with teachers to create adaptations for sports to ensure that all could participate.



CLINICS

More than 25 clinics were held across the NWABA four-state region. Clinics provide Paralympic experiences for students including goalball, judo and tandem cycling and other sports and recreational activities. Between 10 and 70 blind or visually impaired students participated in each clinic in 2012-13. Parents were encouraged to join in, too.



DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS

This year's development competition, where athletes learn a sport, was held in March, 2013 at the Oregon Goalball Tournament in Canby, OR. Teams learn a sport during Development Competitions. They develop the skills needed to participate in a tournament.



AWARENESS EVENTS

NWABA Awareness Events demonstrate how to adapt sports for blind or visually impaired students. Generally, teachers of the visually impaired participate. Others with sight can also participate and learn what it is like to be blind or visually impaired.



NWABA SPORTS TEAMS PROGRAM

In 2012-13, NWABA served **278** individuals and three Goalball teams through team sports. There are many reasons why athletes, young and older, benefit from playing team sports. Participation on a team:

- generates good health and fitness
- conquers isolation
- builds self-esteem
- creates friendships
- teaches cooperation
- fosters healthy competitiveness

For a person who is blind or visually impaired, this is especially important.

NWABA provided opportunities for team sports participation for both children and adults in communities throughout Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.



Goalball was the most popular adult team sport in 2012-13. NWABA continued to advance development of a Northwest Goalball league by supporting teams and organizing tournaments such as the South Sound Throw Down Goalball Tournament in partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma. NWABA continued to support the Northwest Avalanche of Vancouver/Portland, Boise Blaze and Spokane Spin throughout the year. Other sports teams will be added as funding becomes available. Youth Goalball programs were available through partnerships between NWABA and school districts in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

NATIONAL GOALBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - 19 Teams from Across the Country!

NWABA hosted the National Goalball Championship June 20-22, 2013 in Vancouver. This amazing experience involved 19 Goalball teams (12 men's teams and 7 women's teams) and 150 athletes and their coaches from around the country. The tournament could not have happened without the participation of more than 100 volunteers who timed and judged games, drove athletes, served meals and more. It was an honor to host the national event.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Adaptations

NWABA often receives requests from parents or teachers for information on how to adapt specific sports so that blind or visually impaired students can participate. All of the sports offered by NWABA can be adapted. In 2012-13 NWABA provided **195** adaptations. Through this program, NWABA provided sports adaptations to students, adults, family members, teachers and community organizations. Some students received multiple adaptations. Common adaptations included bicycling, which is adapted through the use of tandem biking, and running. Equipment was also provided including beeping kickballs, goalballs and running guide tethers.

Scholarships

In 2012-13, scholarships allowed **58** blind and visually impaired individuals to attend local, regional, national and international competitions. In 2012-13, NWABA scholarships were given for participation in dragon boat racing and the Portland to Coast walk/run event among other events. Scholarships also assisted in purchasing equipment for training. Athletes would not be able to attend events without the help of NWABA scholarships.

Increasing Visibility

NWABA educates the public about the abilities of people who are blind and visually impaired, and the importance of sports and recreation to their quality of life, through awareness events, networking and public speaking engagements. In 2012-13, NWABA made contact with more than **7,500** community members throughout the four-state region. Speaking engagements included schools, service clubs and business associations. In addition, NWABA also conducted significant outreach through the organization's Facebook page and Web site, which averaged 5,000 visits per month.

NWABA also increased visibility of the organization and its mission through public service ads provided by The Columbian. This included much appreciated, pro bono full page, half page and quarter page ads. Other media provided interviews and news coverage of NWABA events throughout the region.



VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of NWABA and its programs. NWABA's **150** volunteers provided approximately **5,000** hours of service in 2012-13. They fueled program events, piloted tandem bicycles, staffed goalball tournaments, coached teams, raised funds and led the organization through the Board of Directors and NWABA committees, among many other tasks. The National Goalball Tournament, in particular, involved 100 volunteers who gamely took on all needed tasks. Throughout the year, no matter what task they tackled, dedicated NWABA volunteers shared a strong feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment.

Thank you, NWABA volunteers!

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I BELIEVE IN THE MISSION OF THE NWABA. I HAVE WITNESSED THE LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND I AM CONSTANTLY INSPIRED THROUGH VOLUNTEERING TO FURTHER ADVOCATE FOR AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR GROWING ORGANIZATION.

SARA SCHEETZ, Vice-President, At Your Place Senior Care

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GET INVOLVED - Enriching Lives.

Providing Opportunities.

Northwest Association for Blind Athletes relies on the generosity of the community to support our life-changing programs for individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments. We invite you to learn more about how you can get involved!

Make a Gift:

Please consider a tax-deductible gift to help improve the quality of life for individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments. Gifts can be made by returning the enclosed giving envelope, visiting our organization's website (www.nwaba.org), or by calling **360.448.7254**.

Volunteer:

We rely on volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of individuals with visual impairments. There are countless opportunities for individuals, groups and businesses to get involved. Please contact us for more information.

Upcoming Events:

2014 Creating Opportunities Benefit Auction

February 1st, 2014

Vancouver, WA

2014 Vision for Opportunities Breakfast

September, 2014

Portland, OR

Host an Event:

Please contact us at **360.448.7254** or development@nwaba.org if you or your business is interested in hosting a fundraiser to benefit Northwest Association for Blind Athletes.



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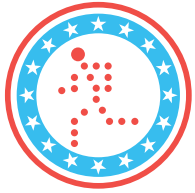
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