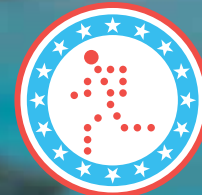


ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

Enriching Lives. Providing Opportunities.



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Dear Friends,

The past year has been an amazing time for Northwest Association for Blind Athletes. We are always excited for the future but this year seemed just a little different.

In the beginning of our organization, a few friends wanted to compete in Powerlifting. At the time, we had no idea that little “seed” of an idea would create a nonprofit organization. NWABA is an organization that is now impacting more than 1,500 children, youth, adults and military veterans annually who are blind or visually impaired.

NWABA works across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, bringing opportunities to individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments so that everyone who needs our help can participate in sport and physical activity. Through participation in NWABA’s programs, individuals are building confidence and the skills, tools, and resources they need to achieve success in all areas of life. The opportunity to ride a bike for the first time, meet others with visual impairments, or be a part of a team again after losing your vision is the catalyst our athletes need to reach their greatest potential.

Together last year, we made huge strides. **With the support of passionate volunteers, dedicated partners, and generous support from our community, we:**

- Expanded program opportunities in new geographic areas like Eugene, Oregon, and deepened impact through more ongoing service offerings which resulted in more individuals and families being served than ever before.
- Drastically increased the organization’s Adapted Equipment Lending Library to more than 500 pieces to ensure individuals always have access to programming in their local home, school or community.
- Increased the number of students impacted to 50+ at Camp Abilities Oregon to ensure more children and youth with visual impairments have the opportunity to go to camp. Reaching kids early has an impact for life.
- Advanced our proven organization growth model into other communities in our service region to deepen our mission impact.

The following pages showcase NWABA’s impact throughout our region and the incredible individuals and families we are honored to serve. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping to make this work possible. Together, we are truly making a difference.

With sincere appreciation,

Erik Selden
Board Chair

Billy Henry
Founder/Executive Director

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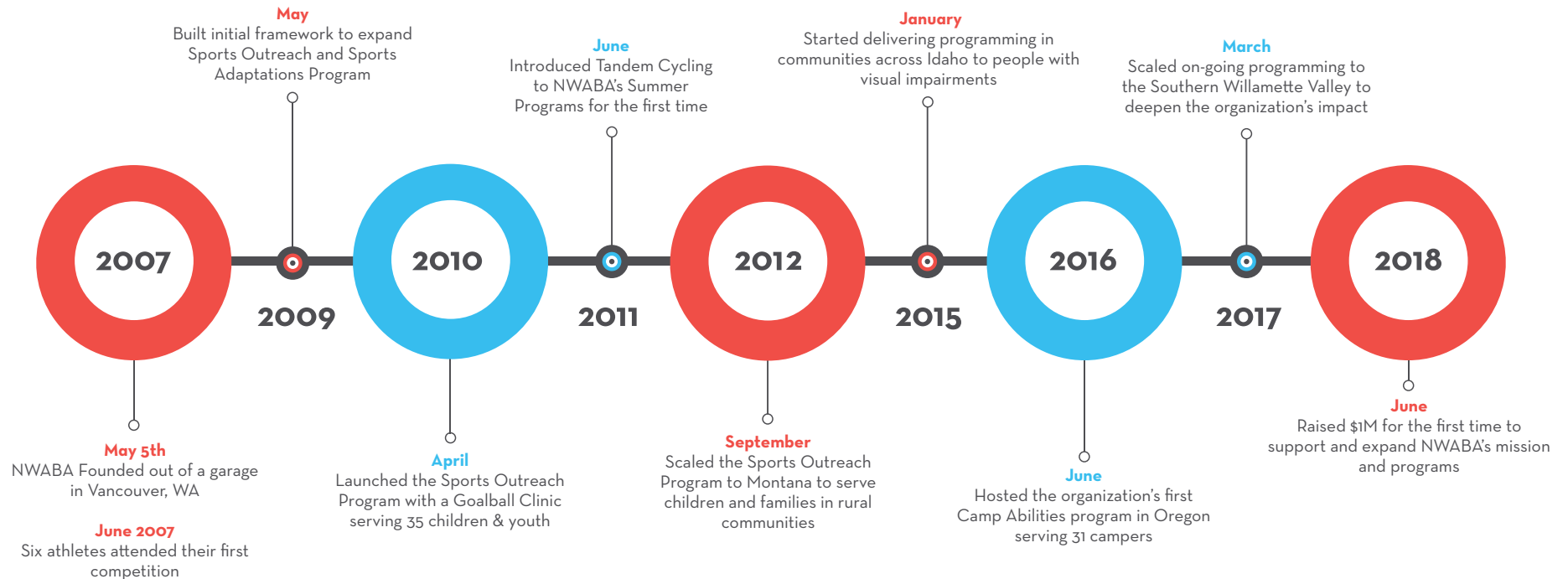
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SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM

CREATING EXPERIENCES, FRIENDSHIPS AND JOY

Remember the first time you rode a bike? Experienced the sensation of being in a swimming pool? NWABA is working to make sure that all children, youth, adults and military veterans have the basic life experiences that are stepping stones to other experiences and successes.

NWABA Sports Outreach Program includes sports programming, Paralympic experiences, clinics and camps for all ages and ability levels for people living with visual impairments. Reaching into communities across Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, this program encourages new experiences, fosters friendships and produces immense joy.

These programs also bring a community of volunteers together to ensure that participants are safe and have the best experiences ever!



Individuals Served: **997**



Number of Events: **90**



Program Hours: **291**



“NWABA has made an impact on my life because it brought me opportunities to have fun while being active in sports and recreation. Not only do you go out and compete in competitions, but it also gives you an opportunity to build community with people around you.”

- JULISSA, SPORTS OUTREACH PROGRAM PARTICIPANT





“Camp Abilities Oregon was a fun experience, I met a lot of athletes there that were like me. This was my first camp, and I am happy it was with other athletes with visual impairments.”

- BRANDON, CAMP ABILITIES OREGON CAMPER

CAMP ABILITIES

FOR ONE WEEK IN THE SUMMER, campers, counselors, specialists, nurses and NWABA staff join together for an unforgettable experience. Camp is a residential camp staffed by counselors, specialists, and volunteers all working to ensure that each camper is having an experience that will transcend camp and an impact that will last a lifetime. Campers are 8 to 15 years of age and activities include Goalball, judo, swimming, tandem cycling, hiking and many other activities.

Campers come to Camp Abilities to gain skills and participate in new activities; however, so much more happens during the week. Friendships are forged and kindness is shown to each other through “care to share” time and encouragement through “smiley-grams.”

Camp Abilities Oregon strives to ensure that when each camper leaves, they are equipped with the skills and experience to participate in their school or community-based programming. This is accomplished through a comprehensive evaluation that is sent home with each camper and regular communication with families. NWABA is excited to expand Camp Abilities to Washington State in FY18-19 and has plans for continued growth in the years to come.



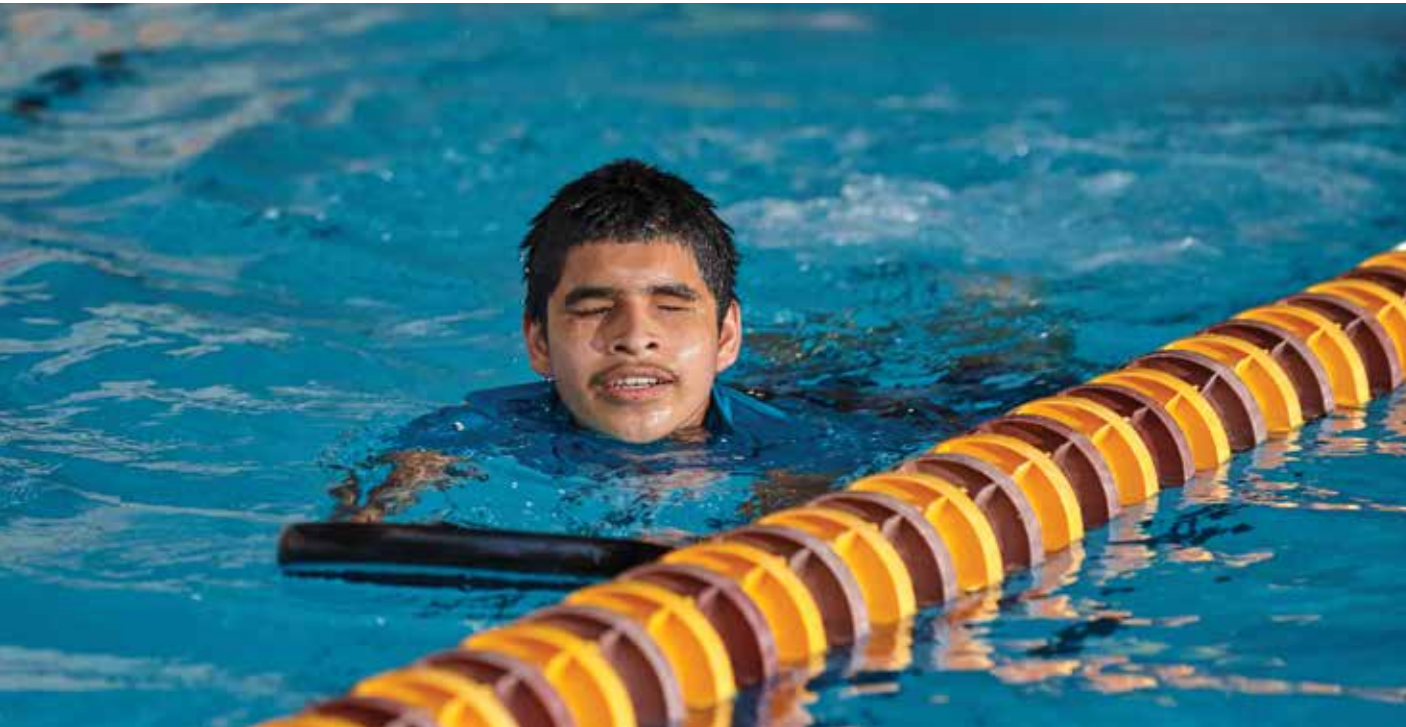
Campers: **52**



Sports/
Activities
Offered: **10+**



Miles
Completed:
200+



SPORTS ADAPTATIONS

EQUIPPING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

Through the Sports Adaptations Program, Northwest Association for Blind Athletes provides adaptations and consultations to individuals of all ages and abilities with visual impairments across the region 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 has access to sports and physical activity.

Through the support of friends like you and dedicated program partners, the Sports Adaptations Program is providing consultations to schools, lending equipment to families, and providing resources so that every individual has access to opportunities in their local home, school and community.

- **Physical Education Consultation** – NWABA’s program works with teachers to ensure that children and youth who are blind or visually impaired receive equipment, specialized instruction and encouragement to allow them to participate without barriers in school and community-based programming.
- **Adapted Equipment Lending Library** – Started in 2017, the lending library is made up of more than 500 individual pieces of equipment that are “loaned” to registered athletes for up to two months at no charge to students, families or schools.
- **Video Resource Center** – NWABA is actively working to build the Video Resource Library to deepen our impact and reach more individuals and families in need than ever before. 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 best to engage in programming.



Equipment
Lent: **181 pieces**



Individuals
Served: **425**



Program
Service
Hours: **186**



PE
Consultations:
27

“I love NWABA’s equipment lending library! I started using it regularly last year when my student lost his remaining vision at the age of 6. Sport adaptations have given him the ability to participate in physical education with his sighted peers.”

- JENNA BOYLE, TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, YAKIMA, WA



“Not every student with a visual impairment can get to our campus. By partnering with NWABA, we bring instruction about movement and independence to students across the state. Students gain self-confidence and families see their child play sports independently, often, for the first time!”

**- DONNA SORENSEN, SUPERINTENDENT,
MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND**

CREATING COMMUNITY, FULFILLING DREAMS, INCREASING VISIBILITY

Sports Team Program – This program provides year-round opportunities for individuals to participate in team-based programming in Goalball & Dragon Boating across NWABA’s service area. At the heart of the Sports Teams Program, and all of NWABA’s services, is an inclusive community of supporters. Through this valuable program, athletes learn to work as a team, relieve stress, eliminate isolation and depression and build life-long friendships.

Scholarship Program – Every year, individuals with visual impairments dream of going to the world championships, competing in their local community-based program, or buying a pair of shoes to start running, but the cost to participate is a barrier for most athletes. Funding for this critical program provides adaptive equipment, travel support, registration fees, shoes and other support to help fulfill our athletes’ dreams and give them the opportunity to train and compete.

Increasing Visibility Program – Often referred to as outreach, this simple activity brings awareness to communities, attracts athletes to the program and engages “investors” in our work. From public events, to speaking opportunities, it’s vital for NWABA to go where people go and use sports and physical activity to raise awareness about the abilities of individuals with visual impairments.



SPORTS TEAMS:

Program Service Hours: **1,506**

Individuals Served: **88**



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Individuals Impacted: **16**
Total Amount Awarded: **\$4,238**



INCREASED VISIBILITY:

Community Contacts: **20,000+**
News Stories: **25+**

“As a TVI in rural Central Washington, we are so grateful for the support and programs provided by NWABA. Many of these students feel isolated in their home districts, where they often are the only blind/visually impaired student in their school or community.”

- BRITTANY VALICOFF, TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, SELAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIALS & IMPACT

JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

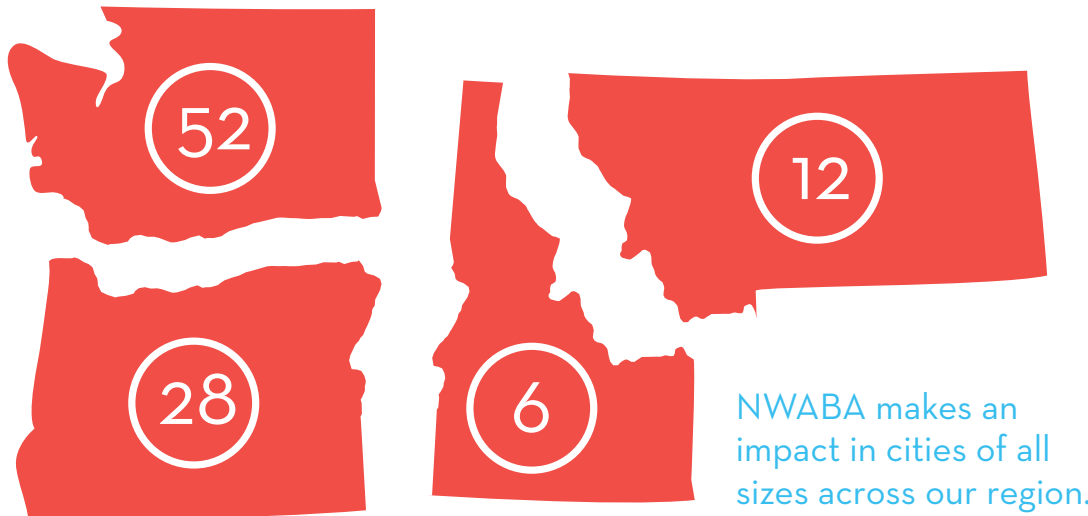
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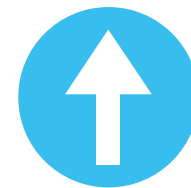
We are honored to have been awarded a Platinum Seal, the highest level possible, by Guidestar, demonstrating our commitment to transparency.



4,500+ hours of direct program service all at no charge to children, youth, adults and military veterans who are blind or visually impaired.



1,500 individuals in communities across our region



Made strategic investments to position NWABA's programs in key areas across our region including Eugene, OR, Boise, ID and Seattle, WA.

CHAMPIONS LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY

BECOME A CHAMPION. LEAVE A LEGACY.

Through the Champions Legacy Giving Society, you can make a lasting impact in the lives of children, youth, adults and military veterans who are blind or visually impaired in your community. An investment in this critical program will provide the resources to ensure NWABA is always there to provide programming and transform the lives of the individuals we serve.

NWABA works with donors to create legacy plans that fit their giving goals while supporting our mission. Here are just a few ways that you can make a difference.

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.

We want to work with you. NWABA is available to talk about what's important to you. Contact **Billy Henry, Founder/Executive Director, 360.448.7254 or bhenry@nwaba.org**



“I chose to support Northwest Association for Blind Athletes with a designation in my retirement plan because I truly believe in the organization’s ability to transform lives and help individuals gain the independence they need to thrive.”

– ANONYMOUS, CHAMPIONS LEGACY GIVING SOCIETY MEMBER

GET INVOLVED

GET INVOLVED TODAY



Make a Gift

A gift is always exciting to receive. In this case, it's like a vote for the work of NWABA. Your gift that impacts an individual will ripple out into our community.



Donate Your Day

A day that you dedicate to the athletes of NWABA is not an ordinary day. We consider it amazing. Whether it's a birthday, anniversary or any special event, consider directing friend and family giving to help the individuals served by NWABA reach their greatest potential.



Volunteer

You might find yourself high on a mountain or riding a tandem bike supporting the work of NWABA. We want to match your volunteer passion with the needs of NWABA. We'd love the opportunity to work with you and change lives.

To learn more about how you can get involved, please contact **Dawn Wensel**, Director of Development, 360.448.7254 or dwensel@nwaba.org.

VOLUNTEERS:

Individual
Volunteers: **184**

Volunteer
Hours: **2,560**

Value of Volunteer
Hours: **\$63,206**



“KMR Group Foundation supports Billy Henry and the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes because of the amazing programs and events they organize for the blind and visually-impaired in our community. NWABA delivers on their promise of providing life-changing programs for this great group of individuals and we are proud to support their mission.”

- MARTY RIFKIN, DIRECTOR/CO-FOUNDER, KMR GROUP FOUNDATION

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On behalf of the children, youth, adults and military veterans, we are honored to serve, thank you to the following supporters for helping us improve the quality of life for individuals with visual impairments this year.

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