

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Let no one sit on the sidelines!



Carol Leicht

Executive Director

effective September, 2022



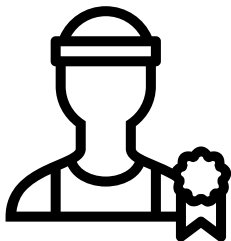
Fiscal year 2023 was a year of transition for Arizona Disabled Sports. I was honored to be chosen to serve as the fourth Executive Director in the history of the organization. Upon taking the helm, we set out to right the ship in many ways. Both our events manager and our program manager were also in their first year of service. Our team worked together to provide both programs and special events that get people off the sidelines and in the game. We have streamlined events to our most popular and offer samples of new programs to test demand. We had a successful Desert Challenge Games, the pinnacle event of our organization, and we can't wait to make it even bigger and better in 2024. Most importantly, we strive to nurture relationships with our staff, athletes, coaches, volunteers, and supporters that have been instrumental to our success for over three decades. Nothing we do is possible without the support of these amazing people, and nothing is done by one single person. I am constantly amazed at the time and dedication given freely to our organization, and I appreciate everyone who has made this first year a success in many ways. The more we do, the more we want to do, so we will continue to call on our supporters as we expand our programs to meet our athlete's demand. We look forward to much continued success in 2024!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leicht".

2023 DESERT CHALLENGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HARTFORD

The 32nd edition of the Desert Challenge Games in partnership with The Hartford was contested May 23-28, 2023. Mesa Community College hosted track & field as well as archery. Aquatics was held at Kino Aquatic Center, and air rifle was held at the Broadway Recreation Center. We hosted national classifications for athletes as well as clinics in power lifting and bocce. The Hartford gifted adaptive equipment to three deserving athletes during the opening ceremony. Dignitaries for the opening ceremony included Mesa Mayor John Giles, Mesa City council members, AzDS Board President Edward Wessing, The Hartford representatives, and Paralympic Medalist Hailey Danz.



176 ATHLETES

3 GUIDE RUNNERS

52 COACHES

Youngest athlete 6

Oldest athlete 77



11 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

- Brazil
- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Mexico
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- Trinidad & Tobago
- United States of America

SPONSORS



SPECIAL EVENTS

Tucker Garcia leads our special events planning at Arizona Disabled Sports with the Desert Challenge being the pinnacle event of the year. We also have a variety of other special events for our athletes. 2022 Hartford Junior Nationals presented by Move United was the last year the Nationals are limited to juniors (23 and under). We look forward to sending more athletes with the expanded age range in the future. Some of our events are a collaboration with other local organizations like High Country Sports. Beat the Heat and SkiAble are both highly popular, collaborative events. We look to expand our special events with more social offerings in the coming year.



participants

7

Hartford Nationals presented by Move United in Denver, Colorado for youth. AzDS athletes participated in archery, swimming, and track & field.



13

Kayaking, biking and camping in Flagstaff, collaboration with High Country Sports.



6

Peddle & Paddle Fest battled the fall weather. After being rescheduled participants cycled and kayaked at Tempe Town Lake.



31

Participants enjoyed bowling a few games, pizza, and holiday treats during this annual event at AMF Lanes.



23

Skiing and snowboarding instruction in half and full day increments in collaboration with High Country Sports.



44

Monthly golf league in spring for our Team Mesa and surrounding East Valley unified golf teams.

ARIZONA HEAT

Our programs for physically challenged athletes are under the Arizona Heat umbrella. A variety of programs run in both the fall and spring. Spring programs culminate in the opportunity to compete at the Desert Challenge Games or Move United Nationals. The programs are organized by the program manager and championed by our dedicated coaches. Our coaches assist in assuring we have the adaptations available to our athletes to assure everyone can participate and compete in their chosen sport. Veterans participate in our programs free of charge as a thank you for their service.



FALL



participants

13

Coach Ed Hiebert

SPRING



participants

4

Coach Lisa Wilson



14

Coaches Mark Grant & Roger Winn



15

Coaches Mark Grant & Roger Winn



3

Coach Lisa Wilson



11

Coach Avery Miller-Fabregas



12

Pastor Bill Holder



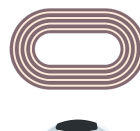
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Coaches John Schrum, Chace Schrum, & Dalton Schrum



1

Coach Dan Thuenen



4

Coaches Jordan Buckwald, Matthew Perry & Beau Duronslet



7









Coaches Gabe Trujillo & Dave Trujillo

TEAM MESA








Arizona Disabled Sports collaborates with the Adaptive Department of the City of Mesa Parks and Recreation to support their programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, the Team Mesa Bulldogs. Many programs are offered both fall and spring and, generally, culminate in season-end competitions through Special Olympics of Arizona. AzDS is proud to support the program funding uniforms, equipment, and transportation as needed. We also support their Off-Broadway program and “You Look Marvelous” Fashion Show! Several athletes from Team Mesa choose to participate in AZ Heat programs as well.





FALL

-  *participants* **104** Aquatics
-  **44** Bocce Ball
-  **160** Bowling
-  **32** Floor Hockey
-  **49** Golf
-  **11** Hiking Club
-  **37** Off-Broadway
-  **72** Soccer

SPRING

-  *participants* **12** Archery
-  **105** Basketball
-  **156** Bowling
-  **38** Cheerleading
-  **19** Hiking Club
-  **15** Kayaking
-  **49** Off-Broadway
-  **18** Pickleball



-  **55** Track & Field
-  **28** Volleyball

FUNDRAISERS

Arizona Disabled Sports held three fundraisers in the 2022-23 fiscal year. Due to the transition to new Executive Director, the Ability Ball was not held. The Team Mesa Fashion Show was a huge success raising \$14,000 to help fund Team Mesa activities. Our friends at the Duck & Run Golf Tournament held their 22nd annual event at Legacy Golf Club donating \$60,000 to our programs. Finally, we added the Duranti Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Frank Duranti and his family. This new event yielded \$4,500 for our programs. We look forward to these fundraisers growing in the coming years.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As noted in the treasurer's report for June 30, 2023, there was a net loss of \$44,900 for the fiscal year. This compares to a net loss of \$28,900 in the previous year. This is a favorable outcome considering the cancellation of the Ability Ball and the turnover of key staff. We were able to obtain forgiveness of our PPP loan which had been carried as a liability since 2020.

Other key notes include:

- Overall revenue up \$65,700, without the Ability Ball.
- Unrestricted donations increased \$25,400.
- Special events income increased \$38,800, mainly due to Desert Challenge Games revenue.
- Dividends increased \$10,600 due to improved interest rate.
- BRC rental income increased \$13,700.
- Other income increased \$31,000 from PPP loan forgiveness.
- BRC operations netted a gain of \$7,100.
- Fundraising expenses increased by \$45,000.
- Special event costs increased by \$40,700 including Move United Jr. Nationals and Desert Challenge Games.
- Technology costs increased by \$5,900 by replacing aging computers.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet June 30, 2023

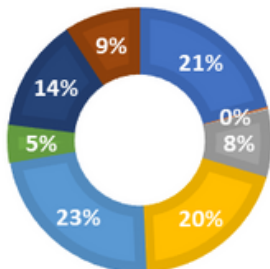
	6.30.2023
Assets	
Current Assests	\$411,451
Fixed Assets	\$0
Total Assets	\$411,451
Liabilities & Equity	
<i>Liabilities</i>	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$0
Equity	
Undesignated	\$238,809
Property & Equipment	\$14,683
Board Designated Funds	\$202,870
Net Income	-\$44,912
Total Equity	\$411,451
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$411,451



2022-23 REVENUE

- Unrestricted Donations ■ Restricted Donations ■ Grants
- Fundraisers ■ Special Events ■ Programs
- BRC Rental Income ■ Other

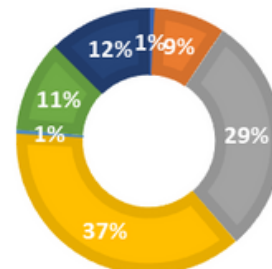
Total Revenue
\$459,753.02



2022-23 EXPENSES

- Restricted Donations ■ Fundraising Expenses ■ Special Event Expenses
- Program Expenses ■ Contracted Services ■ BRC Operations
- Administrative

Total Expenses
\$504,613.13



ABOUT ARIZONA DISABLED SPORTS

MISSION

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

VALUES

Quality of life should not be limited by a physical or intellectual 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Wessing - President
Tony Leopard - Secretary
Shaun Clark - Treasurer

Board Members

Gregg Baumgarten
Lance Fite
Jacquie Gallo
Cory Grant
Mark Grant
Barb Peacock
Gabe Trujillo
Oscar Venegas - City of Mesa

STAFF

Carol Leicht
Executive Director

Tucker Garcia
Special Events Director

BRC Site Supervisors

Justin Brooks
John Countryman
John Foster

LOCATION

59 East Broadway Road
Mesa, AZ 85210

The Broadway Recreation Center is home to AzDS and hosts many community groups, including 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 Tucker Garcia.



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3,939 Followers



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777 Followers



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1,420 Followers



3,007
Subscribers



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