



Challenged Athletes Foundation



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CHANGING LIVES

ONE ATHLETE AT A TIME

BECOMING THROUGH WHOLE SPORTS

The Challenged Athletes Foundation® (CAF), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is a world leader in helping people with physical challenges get involved, and stay involved, in sports. Headquartered in San Diego with regional chapters, CAF provides unparalleled sports opportunities, hope, education, and inspiration enabling physically challenged individuals to live active lifestyles.

TRICIA

A former guide for blind cyclists who was paralyzed when hit by a car on her bike.

HOPE

Applied for a CAF Access for Athletes grant for a handcycle from her hospital bed.

MENTORSHIP

Now educates others about what is possible through CAF's Reach High program.

DETERMINATION

Became the first female paraplegic to finish a full distance triathlon.

HOW DID IT BEGIN? >

CAF grew out of a desire to assist one athlete paralyzed in a triathlon. From this modest beginning arose a more important mission to make sure people with physical challenges have the same freedom to enjoy sports as everyone else.

HOW DOES CAF HELP? >

More than eighty cents of every dollar raised by CAF provides funding for adaptive sports equipment, training and competition expenses, programs and events that help challenged athletes get off the sidelines and into the game. To ensure these needs are met in perpetuity, CAF has built an endowment fund and established the Deni & Jeff Jacobs Challenged Athletes Center which will continue to assist physically challenged athletes indefinitely.

WHY DO CHALLENGED ATHLETES NEED FUNDING? >

According to U.S. Paralympics, there are 21 million individuals living with a disability in the United States today. Only one in 10 takes part in fitness activities on a daily basis. A major impediment is cost. Equipment and specialized training that allows these individuals to engage in active lifestyles is very expensive – in fact, for many, it's cost-prohibitive and is not covered by insurance.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? >

It is only through the hard work of our fundraisers, the generosity of our donors and the assistance of our corporate sponsors that CAF is able to continue fulfilling its unique mission.

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CAF PROGRAMS

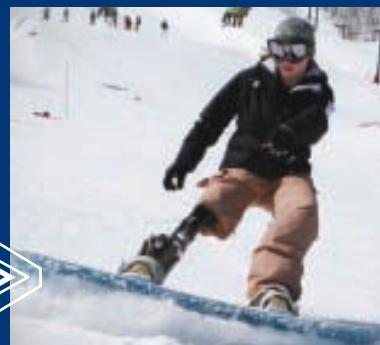


Catch a Rising Star

A fitness and mentorship program that helps physically challenged individuals take the first step towards full, active lifestyles.

Access for Athletes

Provides direct funding and support for adaptive sports equipment, training and competition needs to physically challenged individuals.



CAMERON

A bilateral leg amputee from a birth defect who needed to see how he could do more.

GROWTH

Attended several CAF Catch a Rising Star workshops to learn sports and meet friends.

MOBILITY

Participates in kids' runs and now keeps up with his able-bodied classmates.

OPPORTUNITY

Given a pair of advanced Ossur running feet through CAF's Access for Athletes program.

EVAN

A retired U.S. Marine who lost his legs and sight in one eye while serving in Iraq.

COMMUNITY

Found a family of fellow injured service members through CAF's Operation Rebound.

INSPIRATION

Now helps lead workshops, inspire others and stays active with his family.

COMPETITION

Competed in multiple Ironman 70.3 triathlons and San Diego Triathlon Challenge events.

Impact: All 50 States and Dozens of Locations

■ Countries Reached

Most Requested

Basketball chairs
Handcycles
Quad rugby chairs
Tennis chairs
Prosthetics

Age of Grant Recipients: 5-69

Total Grants Distributed:
More than 4,500

Funds Raised:
More than \$25 million

MILESTONES

- 1994:** First San Diego Triathlon Challenge
- 1997:** CAF Established
- 2001:** Distributed more than \$1 million in grants in a single year
- 2003/2004:** Launched new programs – Catch a Rising Star, Operation Rebound and Race for a Reason
- 2005/2006:** Release of the *Emmanuel's Gift* documentary
- 2006:** First Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge ride
- 2007:** CAF's first chapter in Florida established
- 2006:** Catch a Rising Star begins to host workshops nationwide
- 2008:** CAF supported 21% of the U.S. Paralympic team at the Beijing Summer Paralympic Games
- 2008:** Operation Rebound grows to include veterans of any era and first responders permanently injured while serving our country
- 2010:** CAF established a Northeast regional office
- 2010:** Grand opening of the Deni & Jeff Jacobs Challenged Athletes Center



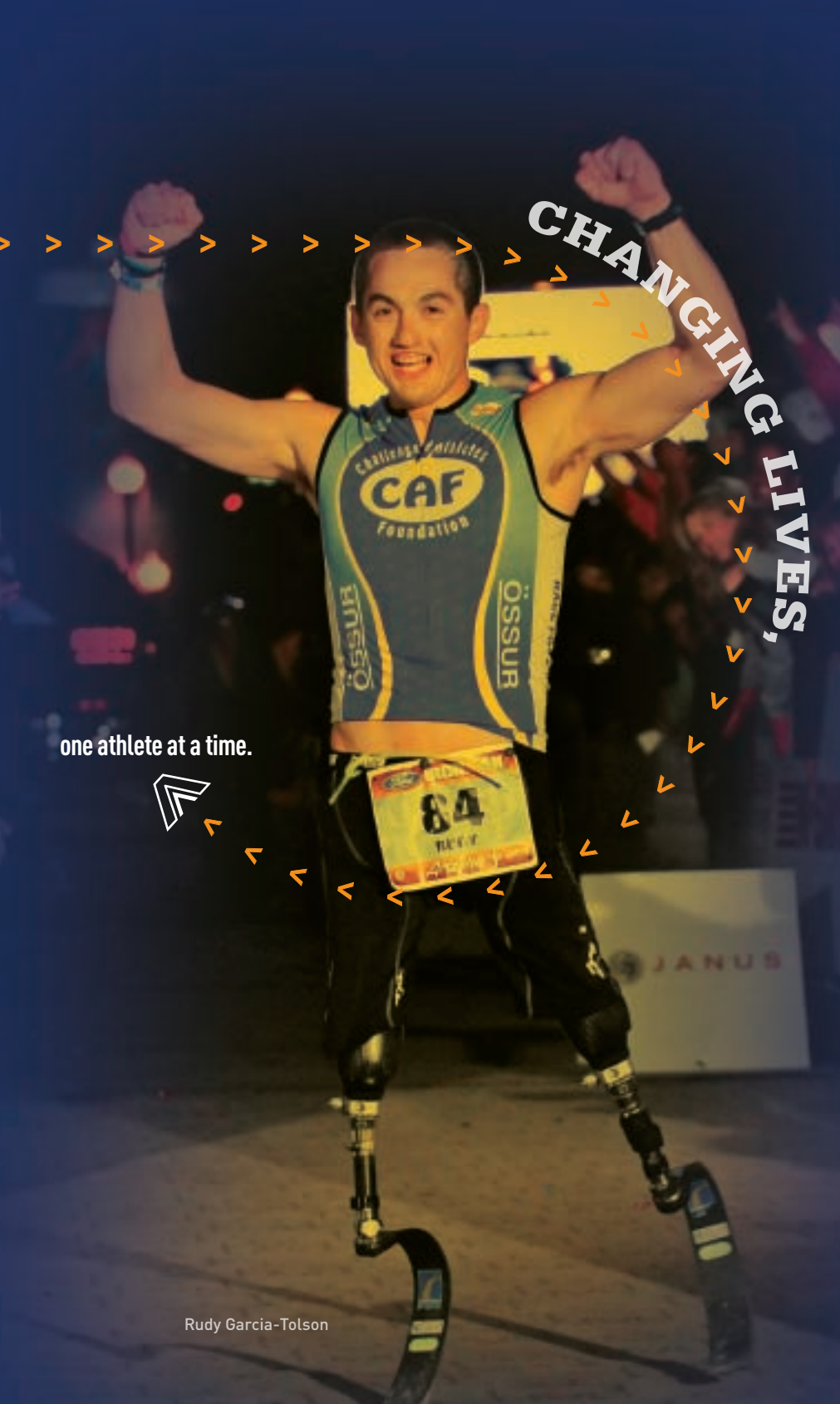
Reach High

Conducts outreach to inspire and educate our communities by showing "what is possible" for physically challenged athletes.

Operation Rebound

Provides sports opportunities and support to American military personnel, veterans and first responders who suffered permanent physical injuries.





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MISSION

It is the mission of CAF to provide opportunities and support to people with physical disabilities 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.

DENI & JEFF JACOBS CHALLENGED ATHLETES CENTER

Our new national headquarters will allow CAF to enlighten and inspire school children, community groups and CAF constituents on the history, successes and endless athletic opportunities available for people with physical challenges.



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CAF EVENTS



- A Celebration of Heroes, Heart & Hope Gala
- Rock on the Green Spinathon®
- Million Dollar Challenge –7 Day Ride
- San Diego Triathlon Challenge
- Tour de Cove Spinathon®

