

**Grantee Spotlight:  
Sam Blakley**

Winter is a playground for 15 year-old Samuel "Sam" Blakley of Henefer, Utah. A determined alpine skier since the age of 10, Sam hopes to one day become a Paralympic Champion in the sport and with the support of CAF, he's on his way.

When Sam was only four years-old, he contracted a Strep A infection (known as the flesh eating disease). The infection forced doctors to amputate his leg below the knee. Down for only a month, he rebounded quickly and got back into sports. A gifted athlete, Sam stays motivated by being extremely active and has participated in a number of sports including alpine skiing (his favorite), hockey, horseback riding, baseball, football and basketball. He always has a positive attitude and enjoys showing the world what is possible when you put your mind to something.



Proud to support such an ambitious young athlete, CAF gave Sam a training grant so he could attend the Ski Spectacular Training Camp. We hope the camp gets him one step closer to his dream of competing in the Paralympic Games.