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Making Paralympic Dreams Come True IX Paralympic Winter Games 10-19 March 2006



As kids, we all had dreams of greatness. Dreams of becoming a firefighter, an astronaut, a ballerina or a world-class athlete. As the Torino 2006 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games take place, many childhood dreams will be realized. But whether you're able-bodied or challenged, dreams will only get you so far. CAF is proud to provide the financial support that allows elite level, as well as beginner, challenged athletes to reach their dreams – and go for the gold!



Alpine Skiing, Hannah Pennington

With your help, CAF has supported 23 of the 56 U.S. Paralympians selected to compete in the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games, 41 percent of the entire team. These athletes will be competing in the following four events: Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Sled Hockey and Wheelchair Curling.

Media Alert!

CAF Grantees, Green and Stephens will be featured on NBC's *Today*, tomorrow, Friday, February 24, 2006. The piece will air live from Torino, Italy during the 9:00 am E.T. to mark the two week point leading into the Opening Ceremonies for the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games.

Stay Tuned

As the 20th Winter Olympic Games come to a close, the 9th Winter Paralympic Games will begin. On March 10, 2006, at the Stadio Olimpico at 6 pm, the Torino 2006 Winter Paralympic Games get underway. Thanks to the evolution of the Internet, history will be made this year as all sports of the Paralympic Winter Games will be shown on an Internet television channel. The International Paralympic Committee's (IPC) channel is now live on www.paralympicsport.tv, currently showing footage from the previous Winter Paralympics. Stay tuned and watch the U.S. Paralympic teams compete for their chance at gold.



Alpine Skiing, Gerald Hayden

2006 U.S. Paralympic Team Rosters

The U.S. Paralympic Team rosters are listed below, with the CAF grantees in bold. We wish the best of luck to all competitors at the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games. You make us all proud!

U.S. Paralympic Team Rosters

Alpine Skiing (27)

Women - Sitting

Lacey Heward
Laurie Stephens
Stephani Victor

Women - Standing

Sandy Dukat
Allison Jones
Hannah Pennington
Elitsa Storey

Men - Sitting

Kevin Bramble
Carl Burnett
Nick Catansarite
Chris Devlin-Young
Gerald Hayden
John Knudsen
Roger Lee
Joe Tompkins
Tyler Walker

Men - Standing

Chris Canfield
Clay Fox
Ralph Green
Jim Lagerstrom
Monte Meier
Reed Robinson
George Sansonetis
Josh Sundquist
Brad Washburn
John Whitney

Men - Blind/Visually-Impaired

Andy Parr

Nordic Skiing (9)

Bob Balk
Monica Bascio
Candace Cable
Steve Cook
Mike Crenshaw
Chris Klebl
Greg Mallory
Dan Perkins
Kelly Underkofler

Sled Hockey (15)

Steven Cash
Taylor Chace
Dave Conklin
James Connelly
Bradly Emmerson
Manny Guerra
Michael Hallman
Lonnie Hannah
Joe Howard
Timothy Jones
Taylor Lipsett
Chris Manns
Alexi Salamone
Kip St. Germaine
Andy Yohe

Wheelchair Curling (5)

Jim Joseph
Jim Pierce
Danell Libby
Wes Smith
Augusto Perez

CAF: Helping make dreams come true, one athlete at a time!

Emmanuel Makes Waves

It is impossible to know how many lives Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah's story has touched. His defiant stand against discrimination in his native Ghana has captured the attention of millions. Oprah Winfrey described it best at the ESPY Awards when she said, "Like a pebble tossed into a lake, sometimes one small selfless act, can ripple in all directions, effecting loved ones and strangers alike." With the release of the *Emmanuel's Gift* DVD, available at Costco, Amazon.com, and Blockbuster Video, more and more people will be able to experience Emmanuel's perseverance to make this world a better place. Recently, one such "ripple" touched the life of high school student, Yosias Amha, from La Quinta High, in Coachella Valley, CA.



Inspired by Emmanuel's story, Amha wrote an essay about him for a national contest sponsored by A&E. Not only did Amha win, but he also received a \$5,000 college scholarship as his prize. After the Coachella Valley paper, *The Desert Sun*, published an article about the Amha's achievement, CAF decided to introduce the two by bringing Emmanuel to be a guest speaker at La Quinta High School. An emotional and educational experience for all, Emmanuel's visit proved that a pebble can actually make waves.

Read *The Desert Sun* article: ["Essayist gets emotional meeting with his hero."](#)

Media Alert!



CAF and Operation Rebound spokesperson, Captain David Rozelle, will be featured nationally on *The George Michael Sports Machine*, Sunday, February 26, 2006.

Please check your local listings for station and time!

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