



***FY 2017 - 2018
ANNUAL REPORT***

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends of CAF,

Twenty-five years ago, the passion to help one injured friend, Jim MacLaren, began a movement that has been the inspiration for the life-changing work of Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). After Jim's second accident left him a quadriplegic there was no greater wish than to help him regain his independence and thus the first San Diego Triathlon Challenge fundraiser was held. Through that event we discovered and embraced the belief that sports and an active lifestyle are a pathway to more in life.

And the CAF story began.

Through the power and impact of our work, we see societal changes taking place and an awareness and appreciation of the potential in each person, regardless of physical ability. But while the world expands its view of human potential, it is the Challenged Athletes Foundation that stands as a leader in providing the resources to unlock that potential.


CAF delivers adaptive equipment, financial support for training or competition, mentorship, and community. Both research and personal testimonial affirm these are the keys to transformation, and why we continue our efforts.

As we celebrate CAF's 25th anniversary, we thank you for joining our belief of a better world for challenged athletes, and the vital role of the Challenged Athletes Foundation. I look forward to watching our impact continue to grow and our organization rise to meet the needs of future generations.

Yours in Sport,



Jeffrey Essakow



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San Diego City Chambers
Proclaiming July 31, 2018
“CAF 25th Anniversary Day”



WELCOME

CAF was founded on the belief that sports and an active lifestyle can transform lives. With a record breaking year of 2,806 grants funded across 95 different sports in 2017/2018, more and more athletes are saying “yes” to the life-changing power of sport and an active lifestyle.



The CAF community is paving the way for future generations to raise the bar and achieve more.

In the past year, CAF has worked toward greater inclusion and empowered challenged athletes to achieve more. Partners, donors and fundraisers are providing opportunities, challenged athletes are transforming perceptions and CAF is taking innovation to the next level.

THIS YEAR WAS ONE OF “FIRSTS”

On the path to providing access to sports for all, CAF:

- Grew the Junior Seau Foundation Adaptive Surf Program, presented by CAF, allowing more kids to experience the stoke of surfing.
- Hosted youth and adult Paratriathlon camps to develop all levels of triathletes.
- Launched the first J&L Pie Company Adaptive Cycling Program to set cyclists of all levels up with the right equipment.
- Top brands like Nike, Toyota, Apple, Accenture, IRONMAN, Smoothie King and others partnered with CAF in new ways to bring purpose and meaning to their consumers and employees.



VISION

To be the world leader in supporting people with physical challenges by providing access to sports and an active lifestyle, mentorship and inspiration.

MISSION

To provide opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. We believe that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life.

IMPACT

25 years of impacting lives:

- Over \$100,000,000 raised
- Over 23,000 individual grants awarded
- Est. over 20,000,000 people reached through community outreach plus media
- 95 sports supported
- Athletes served in 50 states and over 40 countries

2017 - 2018 FY GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Expensive equipment or training shouldn't be the biggest hurdle athletes face in their endeavors. CAF is committed to helping athletes overcome financial impediments by funding grants for equipment, training, coaching and competition costs.



OVER
\$4.3M
DISTRIBUTED

2,806
GRANTS

95
SPORTS

DID YOU KNOW?

61%
of grant applicants make
40K or less annually.

OF GRANTS PER SPORT

Acrobatics..... 1
All Terrain Wheelchair for
Outdoor Sports 2
Archery/ Shooting 13
Ballroom Dance 2
Baseball 3
Beep Baseball 116
Billiards..... 1
Blind Bowling..... 23
Boccia 12
Canoeing/Kayaking/
Para-Canoeing 8
Cheerleading 2
CrossFit 3
Curling 6

Cycling 74
Dance..... 1
Endeavor Games
Competition Expenses 5
Equestrian Competition
Expenses 21
Fencing 4
Fitness &
Personal Training 7
Football 2
Goalball 18
Golf..... 8
Gymnastics 3
Handcycling 113
Hockey 2

Jiu Jitsu..... 3
Judo..... 4
Karate 1
Lacrosse 4
Mono-ski..... 2
Motocross 1
Mountain Biking..... 1
Multicourt Wheelchair..... 4
National Junior Disability
Championship Competition
Expenses 28
Nordic Skiing 5
Obstacle Race Expenses..... 6
Para Badminton 3
Para Bobsled..... 2

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

TOP 10 SPORTS BY GRANT

Wheelchair Basketball..... 267
Track & Field 190
Beep Baseball 112
Triathlon 82
Wheelchair Rugby..... 79
Running 79
Handcycling..... 78
Cycling 78
Swimming..... 73
Sled Hockey..... 63

BREAKDOWN BY PHYSICAL CHALLENGE

Amputee 20%
Paraplegia..... 17%
Visual Impairment 15%
Spina Bifida 11%
Cerebral Palsy 10%
Other..... 27%

DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

5	83
Youngest Grantee	Oldest Grantee
28%	7%
Under 18	Over 55
38%	27%
18-35	36-55



Name: Ella Rodriguez
Sports: Wheelchair Basketball
Grant: Travel/Competition
Age: 13
Physical Challenge: Leg Amputee
Mantra: "It isn't about the destination, it's about the journey."



Name: Logan Passe
Sports: Handcycling
Grant: Lil Excelerator 2 (Handcycle)
Age: 8
Physical Challenge: Double Leg Amputee
Mantra: "Determination and structure is the key to winning."



Name: Daniel Cruz
Sports: Running, CrossFit
Grant: Össur Flex Run
Age: 27
Physical Challenge: Leg Amputee
Mantra: "I've discovered that our greatest strengths inherently lay within our greatest challenges."



Name: Buck Bueller
Sports: Sled Hockey
Grant: Travel/Competition
Age: 10
Physical Challenge: Cerebral Palsy
Mantra: "I don't let my disability define me, I work hard, and never give up!"



Over 500 YMCA of San Diego County memberships have been given to challenged athletes and their families. The program is expanding to other cities, including Dallas, Philadelphia and Boulder.



Para Skeleton..... 1
Paragliding 2
Power Soccer 37
Powerlifting..... 7
Rock Climbing..... 16
Rowing 10
Running + Marathons..... 31
Running Prosthetic Feet..... 79
Sailing..... 2
San Diego Triathlon Challenge
Travel Expenses 22
Scuba..... 3
Self-Defense 2
Sit Volleyball 7
Skating..... 1

Skiing..... 13
Sled Hockey..... 63
Snowboarding 9
Soccer 3
Softball 1
Sports Camps..... 5
Surfing 42
Swimming..... 61
Synchronized Swimming 3
Table Tennis..... 5
Taekwondo 4
Tandem Bicycling 1
Tennis 29
Track & Field..... 120
Triathlon 61

Wakeboarding..... 3
Water Skiing..... 6
WCMX 24
Weightlifting 1
Wheelchair Basketball..... 267
Wheelchair CrossFit 1
Wheelchair Dancing 5
Wheelchair Fencing 1
Wheelchair Racing..... 49
Wheelchair Rugby..... 83
Wheelchair Tennis..... 51
Wrestling 1
Yoga 2
Zumba..... 1

CAMPS + CLINICS

Over 700 athletes received individualized support and coaching at CAF's interactive camps and clinics around the country. Participants developed the confidence they need to reach their athletic goals. CAF and our community partners hosted camps and clinics in San Diego, San Francisco, Birmingham, Philadelphia, Dallas, Minneapolis and on the Nike Campus in Portland.



SPORTS CLINICS

- Össur Running and Mobility
- Swim
- Adult and Youth Paratriathlon
- WCMX
- Wheelchair Tennis
- Surfing
- Sitting Volleyball
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Adaptive Cycling

HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted 23 Adaptive Sports Clinics

CAF made a big impact in the adaptive sports world by providing 23 gold standard clinics in 2017. We helped over 350 lower limb amputees learn how to run through our Össur Running and Mobility Clinics, presented by CAF. Clinics ranged from WCMX to swimming to sitting volleyball and were provided free to challenged athletes of all ages and abilities.

All New Adaptive Cycling Program

With support from J&L Pie Company, CAF kicked off its new Adaptive Cycling Program with our first ever Adaptive Cycling clinic. The clinic brought together supporters, volunteers and challenged athletes from across our cycling community to introduce new athletes to the sport of cycling.

Growth of Junior Seau Foundation Adaptive Surf Program, presented by CAF

As a leader in the Adaptive Surfing Movement, CAF is taking the initiative to provide camps, clinics, mentorship opportunities and life-changing equipment and competition grants to people with physical challenges. In collaboration with other partners like IRONMAN and Switchfoot Bro-Am Foundation, CAF has introduced over 150 kids to the sport of surfing. And for the first time in Switchfoot Bro-Am history, Team CAF athletes competed in the same contest as able-bodied pro and amateur surfers.



OPERATION REBOUND

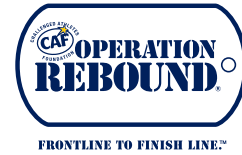
CAF's Operation Rebound® program strengthens the mental and physical well-being of veterans, military personnel and first responders with permanent physical injuries by providing them opportunities to use sports and fitness to re-integrate into our communities and by empowering them through sports.

\$509,900
GRANT FUNDING FOR
MILITARY SUPPORT

372
GRANTEES

47%
NEW GRANTEES

45
FEMALE
GRANTEES



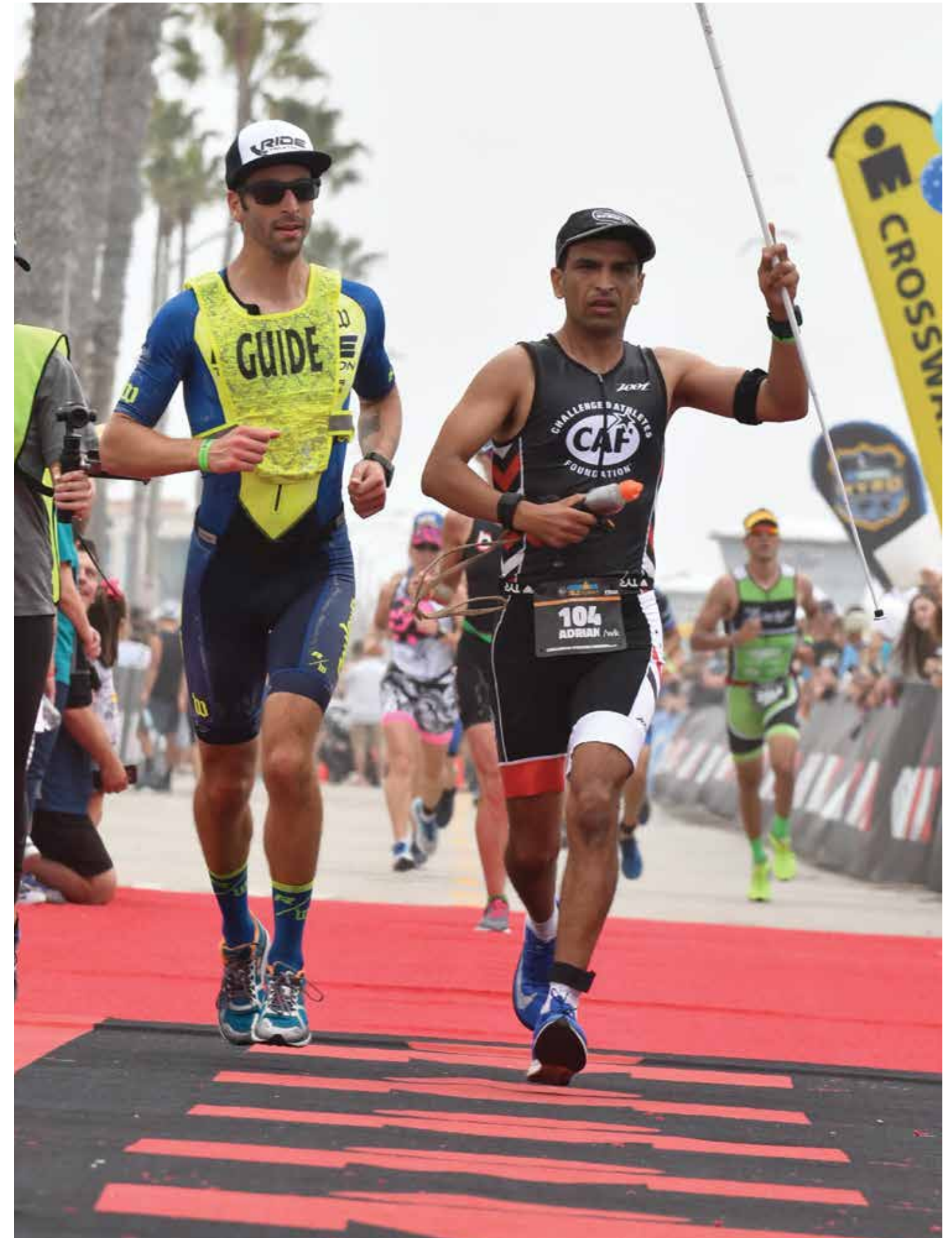
CAF's Operation Rebound® is accredited by The Patriots Initiative (TPI), as one of the finest non-profit organizations in the nation supporting America's armed forces service members, veterans and their families.



Athlete Spotlight: Scott Leason
Sports: Surfing, waterskiing, tandem cycling
Grant: Waterski training
Physical Challenge: Visually impaired
Mantra: "Never lose sight."



Athlete Spotlight: Luis Morales
Sport: Triathlon
Grant: Triathlon bike
Physical Challenge: Below knee amputee
Mantra: "De oppresso liber."





DC Össur Running + Mobility Clinic
Presented by CAF

COA AWARD WINNERS

The Celebration of Abilities (COA) Awards Dinner celebrates the extraordinary heart and performance of CAF athletes throughout the year.

In 2017, we recognized many firsts including Willie Stewart completing the 280-mile Leadman Challenge in the Colorado Rockies, Andre Kajlich becoming the first solo handcyclist to complete Race Across America (RAAM), Lance Weir racing on a tandem hand-cycle in IRONMAN Oceanside 70.3 and Hunter Woodhall receiving the first D-1 track scholarship as a double amputee running on prosthetics.



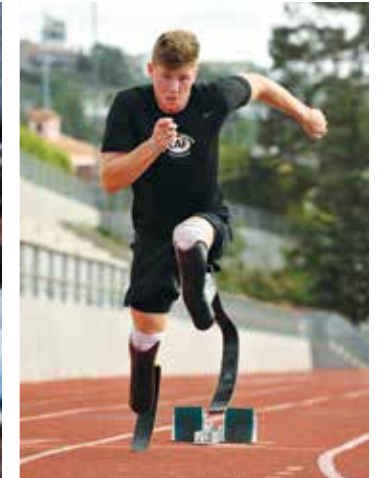
Jim MacLaren Award: Willie Stewart



Exceptional Athletic Performance:
Andre Kajlich



Most Inspirational:
Lance Weir



Trailblazer:
Hunter Woodhall



Sam Day Rising Star:
KJ Fields



Sam Day Rising Star:
Annie Flood



Partner of the Year:
Nike



Volunteers of the Year:
Dr. Jeff Anthony
Dr. Mike McHale
Nurse Sharon Dunlap



WE APPLAUD OUR PARTNERS

CAF partners with many top brands, companies and grant funders in sports, prosthetics, sneakers, lifestyle, consulting and financial services and philanthropy to grow our reach. Together we create shared value and create a culture that becomes ingrained with CAF's mission where inclusion and accessibility are the high bars to strive for in making the world better.

We are grateful for the support of our many, many partners and especially this year's Game Changers – Accenture, Aspen Medical Products, Blackstone, Converse, Copley Foundation, IRONMAN®, J + L Pie Company, Nike, Össur, Smoothie King, Tech Sgt Jack Kushner Foundation and Toyota.



AMERICAN SECURITIES



SIGNATURE EVENTS

A Celebration of Heart - SF Gala

At our inaugural fundraising gala in San Francisco, the CAF community came together to literally “fill the heart” and ensure athletes in NorCal have the support they need.

A Celebration of Heroes, Heart and Hope Gala

This event was founded 12 years ago by event chairman Scott Stackman. Supporters, challenged athletes and volunteers came together in New York and demonstrated the impact we make when community unites behind our powerful mission.

Back to Back Cycling Challenge NorCal

CAF continued the tradition of offering a challenging 3-day ride in the heart of wine country. Local challenged athletes offered the inspiration and local wineries played host to the group.

Million Dollar Challenge

The Trailblazer edition charted a new route through quintessential California covering 620-miles in 7 days. Ten challenged athletes completed the journey but all 120 riders raised the bar: going higher, faster, and further and proving everyone plays a part in creating a more empowered and inclusive world.

Aspen Medical Products San Diego Triathlon Challenge

Over 200 challenged athletes competed alongside 500 fundraisers, and CAF hosted 75 youth challenged athletes and their families giving them the opportunity to experience the CAF community firsthand. In addition, over 11 million people witnessed the magic of CAF through our first ever Livestream broadcast.

YMCA of San Diego County Tour de Cove

This high energy 4.5 hour stationary cycling marathon event showcased the incredible partnership with YMCA of San Diego County to raise funds and provide access to sports and fitness through lifetime YMCA memberships to challenged athletes.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

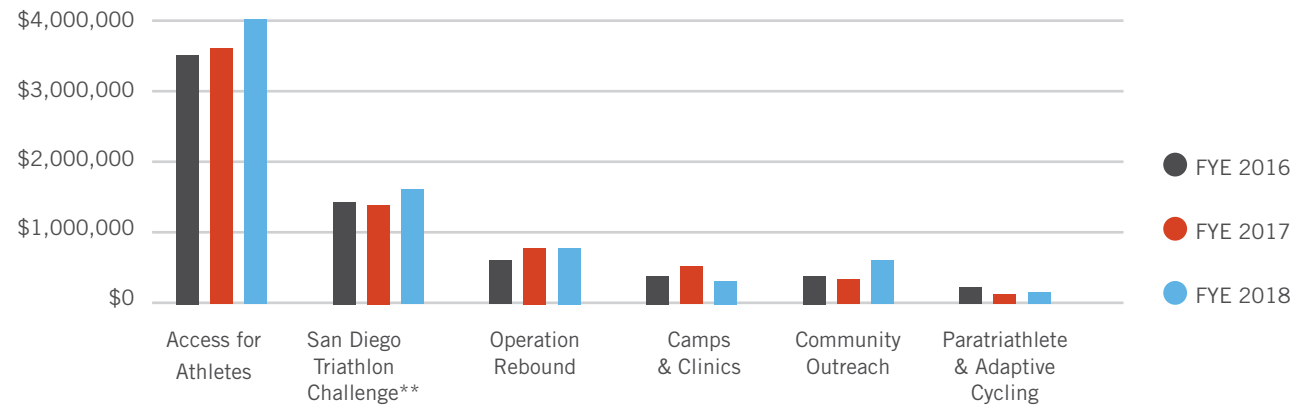
Your generosity, dedication and support create opportunities for challenged athletes and build a more inclusive world.



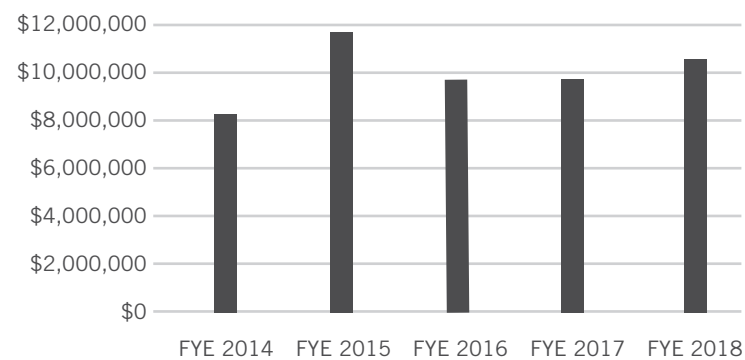
FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT

Our commitment to CAF stakeholders, partners, and the overall community is to provide the greatest impact, stay true to our mission and remain accountable throughout all initiatives. CAF's efficient operations ensure that 81 cents of every dollar raised goes towards our Programs that directly serve our mission. For detailed financial reporting FYE 2018 of fiscal year 2017/2018*, visit <http://www.challengedathletes.org/financials/>.

CAF Spending by Program

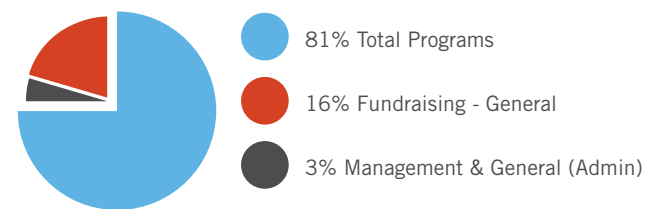


CAF Revenue



Note: 2015 includes one time Celebration of Will and establishment of the Challenged Athletes Foundation Endowment in the Memory of Robin Williams.

CAF Spending by Program FYE 2018



ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Over our 25-year history, we are proud to have established CAF Endowment and Donor Advised Funds close to \$11 million with the purpose of securing our mission for perpetuity.

A part of our Endowment is the "Challenged Athletes Foundation Endowment in Memory of Robin Williams" established in 2015 to honor the priceless contributions Robin Williams made to CAF during his lifetime.

Our longterm goal is to build our Endowment Funds to \$20 million primarily through designated gifts and estate gifts so challenged athletes always have the funding they need. If you would like to learn more about including CAF in your estate plan, please contact us.

*Challenged Athletes Foundation's Fiscal Year begins April 1 and ends March 31.

**Program spending for SDTC is for the challenged athlete participation, travel and clinics offered during the event weekend.

LET'S CONNECT

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CONTINUED NEED

Living a healthy, active lifestyle is at the forefront of our society's culture, however there is often a group of individuals left on the sidelines. People with physical challenges need and deserve equal opportunities to thrive in sports and be celebrated for their successes. And the impact of inclusion is immediate. Access to sports early gets people with physical challenges back in the game of life.

50% of all adults with a disability get no aerobic physical activity.*

Obesity rates for children with a disability are **38%** higher than for children without.*

Children and youth with a disability are **4x** less physically active than their peers without.*

18% of wheelchair users are employed. This number rises to 58% (over time) for those who participate in wheelchair sports.**

21 million people in the U.S. are living with permanent physical challenges.***

* <http://committoinclusion.org/>

**Source: Lastuka and Cottingham (2016)

*** US Paralympics, <https://www.teamusa.org/us-paralympics/about>

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Transforming Lives Through Sport. Thanks to CAF.

Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) was founded on the belief that sports and an active lifestyle transform lives. Over the last 25 years, CAF has been the catalyst for thousands of people with physical challenges to achieve more, in sports...and in life.

Challenged athletes around the world are redefining what's possible. Thanks to CAF.

Funds raised provide grants for adaptive sports equipment, training and competition expenses and fund camps, clinics, mentorship and community for individuals with permanent physical challenges.

Join our 25th anniversary celebration. Learn more at www.challengedathletes.org/25

