Creating possibilities for people with disabilities
Challenge Aspen is dedicated to impacting lives through year-round adaptive experiences for individuals faced with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. Challenge Aspen creates life-changing opportunities by encouraging participation in activities designed to redefine limits, recognize abilities, and transfer newfound courage to everyday life.

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Letter from the CEO

In 26 years, Challenge Aspen has gifted more than $2.7 million in scholarships and provided adaptive therapeutic outdoor experiences to over 16,000 individuals living with physical, cognitive, and/or service-related disabilities.

It is truly inspiring to deliver on this mission through the most challenging times to those who need it the most, ensuring that our disability community in the Roaring Fork Valley and across the country remains united and engaged. The spirit of the Challenge Aspen team and participants continues to show great resilience and commitment to discovering the possibilities for individuals with disabilities.

This tremendous accomplishment is made possible by YOU and our Challenge Aspen family. Your generosity is truly contagious, and this year your gift will be matched up to $100,000 thanks to an anonymous Challenge Aspen advocate. Please join us in reaching our goal to support human healing and participation for people of any age and with any disability.

**Giving is easy at challengeaspen.org/donate or by using the enclosed envelope and commitment form. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.**

With gratitude,

Lindsay Cagley | CEO
REC serves any individual, of any age, living with any disability and offers individuals and groups with physical and/or cognitive disabilities diverse opportunities to experience all that the Roaring Fork Valley has to offer. The wide array of REC activities are designed to boost confidence and self-esteem while broadening horizons for all ages. Additionally, Challenge Aspen Custom Adventures offer customized vacation packages and daily adventures for any individual with a disability or family with an ability challenged member.

During fiscal year June 2020 through May 2021, REC had:

**250 PARTICIPANTS**

**783 ACTIVITY DAYS**

**$75,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS**

“Since my injury, adaptive skiing has been my own outlet where I get an adrenaline rush.”
CAMO provides adaptive recreation and wellness experiences for military personnel with service-related disabilities. CAMO offers participants the opportunity to reconnect with outdoor recreation activities that can positively affect their engagement in civilian life. Programs are offered free of charge to active duty veterans, and spouses/partners.

During fiscal year June 2020 through May 2021, CAMO had:

129 PARTICIPANTS

744 ACTIVITY DAYS

$258,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS

“I can’t believe how much fun I had and how that anxiety turned into laughter. I haven’t laughed like that in a long, long time.”
2020-2021 board of directors and staff

2020–21 Board of Directors

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2020-2021 income and expenses

Revenue

- In Kind Contributions: $1,633,216
- Contributions: $969,419
- Grants: $659,099
- Events (Net): $151,412
- Program Fees: $123,250
- Investments & Other: $586,594

Total Revenue: $4,122,990

Expenses

- Program Services: $2,785,501
- Fundraising: $256,237
- Administrative: $240,439

Total Expenses: $3,282,177

NET: $840,813
2020-2021 events

25/25 Challenge
Thanks to the generosity of Charidy, our fiscal year started strong with a 25-hour, $25 virtual challenge event. The virtual fundraiser used social networking to connect family and friends to Challenge Aspen.

Virtual Paddle Raise
Following the 25-hour, $25 challenge, Challenge Aspen staff put together a half-hour virtual paddle raise evening. The program featured videos, testimonials, live music, and a virtual paddle raise.

Challenge Aspen Marathon Team
Since 2003, Challenge Aspen has supported a team of runners who train and compete together in a marathon, while raising funds to help Challenge Aspen achieve its mission of creating possibilities for people with disabilities. The 2020 Challenge Aspen Marathon Team moved to a different format due to COVID. The team trained together weekly on local trails, with the opportunity to participate in local and virtual races.

First Annual Cornhole Tournament
On September 26, 2020, Challenge Aspen, in partnership with Colorado Cornhole Connections, had a fun-filled day at our first annual Cornhole Tournament at Crown Mountain Park. 64 teams competed for our grand prize of $1,000!
Please visit challengeaspen.org for registration, sponsorship opportunities, and to discover our amazing programs.

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