



CHALLENGE ASPEN

Find Your Brave

“To be scared? I mean...no.”

—Kendra



YOUTH WITH
DISABILITIES ARE

4.5x
LESS LIKELY

TO PARTICIPATE IN
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
THAN THEIR PEERS

Kendra floated out onto the lake. She hadn't managed to stand up on a paddleboard yet, but today was the day.

She took a deep breath, got up on both knees, and then, at first shakily, then triumphantly, she stood up on top of that paddleboard for the very first time.

Kendra Fernandez is a sassy, adventurous, independent young woman. She was born and raised in the Roaring Fork Valley and is a recent graduate of Roaring Fork Schools. In her graduation speech, Kendra spoke about how she was proud of herself for going out of her comfort zone this past year to try skiing, archery and paddleboarding with Challenge Aspen and how it helped her grow and become more independent.



Stories of Possibility

Whether your goal is to chase a Paralympic podium, ski with your family, or learn to paddleboard, we are here to help you find the courage to challenge the expectations of others and believe in yourself, no matter the odds.



Adam Lavender

Adam returned to trail riding 12 years after a crash at a downhill mountain biking competition left him a quadriplegic.

Cantrell Jones

After gun violence left Cantrell with vision loss, he discovered new possibilities for himself during his senior trip with Challenge Aspen.



To hear more stories about the power of possibility, scan the QR code or visit challengeaspen.org/stories

A photograph of two people on a snowy mountain slope. One person, wearing a red jacket and a black helmet, is standing and assisting another person. The second person is seated in a white adaptive ski chair, wearing a white jacket and a black helmet. The background is a bright, snowy mountain landscape under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

A Note From the CEO

As you can see from the stories shared in these beautiful pages, Challenge Aspen brings the transformative power of outdoor recreation, art, and community to individuals with disabilities, creating moments of joy, growth, and independence. But we can't do it alone.

Your annual donation is more than just a gift — it's a commitment to inclusion, empowerment, and life-changing experiences for those who need it most. Your gift matters. Let's create more possibilities, more smiles, and more triumphs.

With your help, we can continue to break down barriers, foster confidence, and build a supportive community where everyone can thrive.

Please donate today.

—Lindsay Cagley, CEO

Challenge Aspen provides year-round adaptive recreation opportunities for people with disabilities, including outdoor activities, camps, and veterans programs.

100+
DIFFERENT
DISABILITY
TYPES SERVED

A YEAR OF GROWTH

53%
OF PARTICIPANTS
RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$532,422
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

13%
↑ INCREASE
IN ACTIVITY DAYS
3,326 TOTAL LAST YEAR

28%
↑ INCREASE
IN PARTICIPANTS
651 TOTAL LAST YEAR

Invest in Possibility

When access is equal, possibilities are limitless

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