Annual Report
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Florida Disabled Outdoors Association Mission

Mission

To enrich lives through accessible inclusive recreation for all

Benefits of Physical Activity

☐ Developmental
☐ Healing
☐ Physical and Mental Wellness
☐ Vocational and Economic
☐ Societal
Dear Members,

I started at Florida Disabled Outdoors Association sixteen years ago as a volunteer and just kept coming back until it became my career. This is more than a job to me, it is my passion. Everytime someone has a breakthrough moment where they see all that is possible in this life or someone calls to see how they can help, I am renewed. This organization is not just one person or a small group of people; it is the people of ALL abilities coming together to make this world richer, more full and simply better.

This year we faced financial challenges which led to cuts in expenditures for part-time staff and outreach, but we had dedicated partners that still made programs possible for numerous people. We utilized in-kind donations and community resources and partners to offset the challenges. We were fortunate to maintain almost all of our programs. The following pages highlight the myriad achievements of this past year and the positive impact that was made.

Thank YOU for everything you do to enrich lives for people of all abilities!

Best Regards,

Laurie LoRe-Gussak, MBA, IOM, CAE
Executive Director
More than 500 participants attended the Leon / Wakulla program.
Over 400 participants attended the Marion County program.
10,632 people registered for the SportsAbility Sampler at the Family Café in Orlando.
More than $178,000 of volunteer help and training donated.
Over 35 Community Partners or Sponsors helped.
Over 1,100 volunteer hours were logged.
Over 550 hours of team sports for people with disabilities were played.
Miracle Sports partnered with Florida State University (FSU) Seminole Athletics Program to offer two Seminole Showdowns.
A Service Learning Program was developed with the FSU Sports Management Program.
Year-round programs are offered and available to the public.
Community-based Therapeutic Recreation Program for People with Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries

This program, funded by the Florida Department of Health Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program, provides an education and resource referral to assist people with brain and spinal cord injuries in pursuing current recreation and leisure providers and available associate assistive services and technologies.

- FDOA provided information specifically dealing with physical activity for people with a brain injury to over 1,000 individuals.
- FDOA provided information specifically dealing with physical activity for people with a spinal cord injury to over 500 individuals.
- Educational programs were provided to healthcare professional at locations throughout Florida.
- Over 90 outreach events/programs were provided to over 20,000 attendees.
**ALLOUT Adventure Program**

An outdoor adventure program for people with disabilities. This program includes the mobility impaired hunting program, which is the benchmark for mobility-impaired hunts throughout the United States. The program also includes a variety of other outdoor adventure trips.

- Over 50 anglers with disabilities participated in the Hands Helping Anglers Program.
- Over 100 people of all abilities participated in the PotashCorp hunting and fishing trips.
Resource Referral Network

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association maintains a Resource Referral Network of accessible inclusive programs and services, products, destinations and events. The database is accessible electronically at fdoa.org/resources. It is searchable by county or type of resource.

The database is a virtual liaison between providers and participants helping people of all abilities find the providers that meet their area of interest. The database currently has approximately 1000 resources across Florida and beyond.
Return on Investment

We leverage revenues to fulfill our mission.

- We provide cost saving to society through our programs.
- We deliver meaningful education and advocacy to the community.
- We strengthen the community through partnerships and collaborations.
- We supplement our funding sources with donated goods and services and utilizing the power of volunteers and student involvement.
Board of Directors / Advisory Board

**Board of Directors**

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Partners

Florida Disabled Outdoors Association gratefully thanks these partners and all of our other important contributors.

Florida Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program
Tallahassee Community College (TCC) / TCC Conferences and Events
Kiwanis of the Big Bend
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida State Parks
Florida Association of Rehabilitative Facilities
United Way of the Big Bend
Shields Marina
Disabled Sports USA
Ocala Parks and Recreation
Gatorland Orlando
On the Edge Children’s Foundation
Stirrups n’ Strides
The Family Cafe
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