

# ANNUAL REPORT

30 YEARS



**CELEBRATING  
30 YEARS  
OF EMPOWERING LIVES  
THROUGH SPORT**

**2023 // 2024**

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

# 30 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENTS

Dear CAF Community,

Some of the greatest and most memorable moments of my life over the past thirty years have been because of my connection to CAF; and undoubtedly, the same is probably true for you. Through our shared dedication to this powerful mission, we have witnessed some of the best aspects of humanity and experienced the best versions of ourselves.



Creating opportunities for us all to recognize the significance of these moments was an important part of our celebration last year. Throughout this report you will read about the lives we have touched through sport, along with stories of friendship and community. As you turn each page, we invite you to think about your own personal connections to CAF and how those have led to your own positive and transformational moment.

Maybe it was when you watched elite athletes with physical disabilities compete on the world's stage, raced side-by-side during an inclusive event, or heard Rudy Garcia-Tolson (or another CAF Athlete) during a speaking engagement at your school or workplace. Possibly you noticed a CAF billboard on your daily drive or saw a powerful news feature. No doubt, many of you who attended our events were moved by the musical talents of performers of all abilities.



For me this past year, it was swimming together with my co-founder Bob Babbitt alongside an incredible 14-year-old girl with a quadruple amputation during the San Diego Triathlon Challenge (SDTC). I felt proud about the immense, global impact CAF has made since that first SDTC at La Jolla Cove 30 years ago, and how honored my friend Jim MacLaren would be to see his legacy live on through thousands of other athletes since.

My hope for the future is that everyone who finds themselves involved with CAF, continues to experience transformational moments of connection to our mission and community.

Thank you for being a part of our story over the past three decades and for carrying us with you in your heart wherever you go.

With gratitude,

**Jeffrey Essakow**  
CAF Co-Founder, Board President



*"The communities built through sport are so important and we can't let people with disabilities be excluded from those. It is too important to the development of identity, confidence, and sense of self, and"*

**// SYDNEY BARTA**  
CAF ATHLETE



# ANNUAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION

4,497  
Grants  
Distributed

\$8.1M  
in support

## DISTRIBUTION FACTS + FIGURES

CAF is proud to announce this year's grant distribution opened the door to sports through 4,497 athlete grants totaling \$8.1M in support - *the most in our organization's history*. As we celebrate CAF's 30th anniversary and 30 years of grant distributions, we cherish each moment and memory.

50 States +  
Puerto Rico

32 Countries

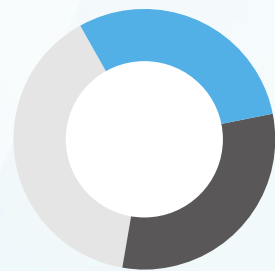


03 Years Old  
Youngest Athlete

90 Years Old  
Oldest Athlete

24%  
Grantees Under 18

### INCOME OVERVIEW

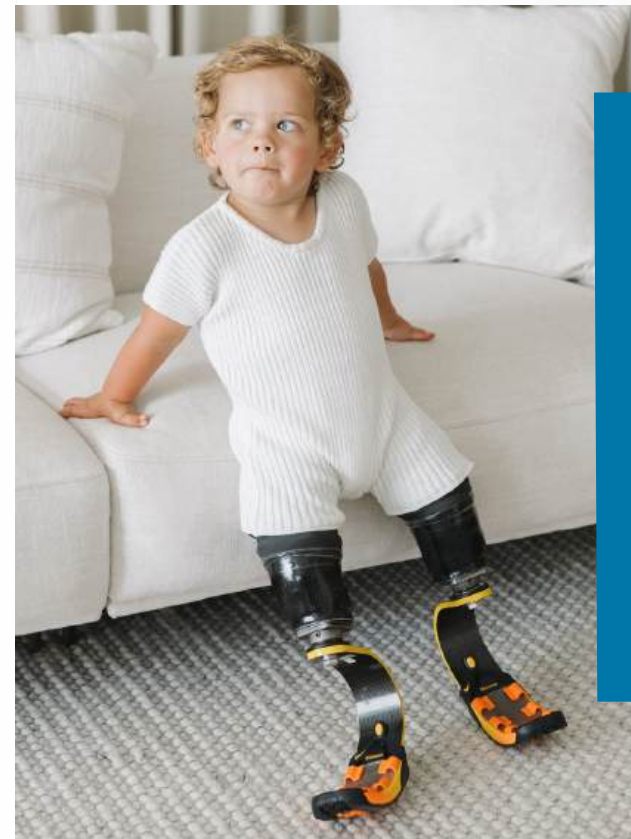


30% household incomes earned under \$20,000/year

31% household incomes earned between \$20,000 - \$50,000/year



38%  
First-Time  
Grant Recipients



### 2024 GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: CHARLES "LOUIE"

As CAF's youngest grant recipient this year, Louie's journey through sport is just beginning. Born with tibial hemimelia, he experienced the amputation of his legs at just 11 months old. Now an active three-year-old, he has already tried several sports like sled hockey, skateboarding, and swimming; however, cycling has always been a beloved family activity. Louie will now get to experience the freedom of cycling independently alongside his loved ones with his new Top End Lil' Excelerator Handcycle.



READ MORE STORIES FROM OUR  
2024 ANNUAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION

### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

In 1996, CAF provided support for the first time to a youth athlete, Rudy Garcia-Tolson. At the age of five, Rudy made the decision to amputate both of his legs so that he could feel free. Never doubting his own natural athletic talents, Rudy set out to be the best – and he truly is. Rudy became the first person with a double above-knee amputation to finish an IRONMAN and a five-time Paralympian, taking home two gold, two silver, and one bronze medals. Recently on the cover of Men's Health Magazine, he continues to give back to the next generation as a mentor and a cherished CAF employee.

1996



# SPORTS CLINICS

## CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

51 Clinics

CAF's Sports Clinic programming continued to be an important part of our work as we introduced new sports and opportunities across the country. **CAF hosted 51 clinics, empowering the lives of 874 individuals, in 26 different sports.**

874 Athletes Empowered



### HIKING

Thanks to: UCSF Health, GRIT, and Sports Basement



### FLY FISHING

Thanks to: J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation



### CAF + ÖSSUR RUNNING + MOBILITY CLINICS

Thanks to: Össur

Over the past year, CAF and Össur hosted seven running and mobility clinics in unique locations across the country in Boise, Columbus, Philadelphia, Dallas, Denver, San Diego, and Atlanta. These clinics provided opportunities for 150 athletes to learn practical ways to move better, easier, and quicker with prosthesis in a supportive and encouraging environment.



### HANDCYCLING

Thanks to: Top End Sports and J&L Pie Company

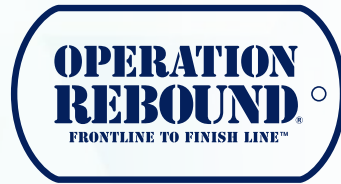
A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

# 2016



In 2016, CAF launched the Junior Seau Foundation Adaptive Surf Program with the goal of increasing access to surf for youth athletes, while continuing a meaningful legacy for Junior Seau. Introducing the program with a multi-day surf experience, youth athletes were coached by professional surfers including Alana Nichols, Danielle Burt, Christiaan Bailey, and Team Brazil's Andre Szucs, and Ryan Gambrell. The weekend also included a surf session at the Switchfoot BRO-AM, an event in which CAF youth athletes still participate today. Since the program's inception, CAF has held almost 40 surf clinics, bringing the stoke of surf to nearly 800 youth athletes.

# OPERATION REBOUND



## FROM FRONT LINE TO FINISH LINE

CAF's Operation Rebound provided 557 grants to veterans and first responders totaling \$649,000 in support. Established in 2005, Operation Rebound uniquely answers the growing need for those looking to center their healing journey around healthy activity and a community of support.

**557** Athletes Supported  
**\$649K** in Funding Support



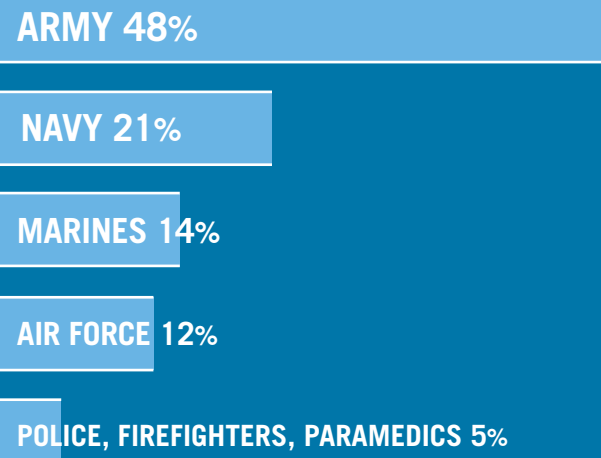
*"In the military you learn to work as a team to accomplish the mission. With CAF, it's an unspoken conversation when we meet. We understand each other's everyday struggles, encourage and motivate each other, and let each other know we are not alone. We are the CAF team."*

**// GEOFFREY QUEVEDO**  
ARMY VETERAN

**47%**  
First-Time Grant Recipients

**36**  
Purple Heart Recipients

### VETERANS SUPPORTED



#### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

In 2022, CAF began a groundbreaking program in collaboration with the Jennifer Moreno VA Medical Center Recreational Therapy Department in San Diego. With the San Diego VA, CAF funds weekly surf, golf, and rock-climbing clinics supporting the VA's biopsychosocial-based therapy for veterans. CAF takes the lead in providing recreational activity, aiding the VA practitioners' ability to focus efforts on experiential therapy's clinical aspect. Operation Rebound is working toward implementing this program model working with other VAs across the United States.



**2022**



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA » REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## CAF-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS FUN IN THE SUN

CAF's Southern California region took full advantage of the brilliant sunshine, pristine sand, and legendary surf this year. A vibrant community filled with those who love the outdoors, our work continued to make an impact by increasing access to sports and physical activity from San Diego to Los Angeles and beyond.



### CAF BEACH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

With funding from the Foundation for Global Sports Development, CAF hosted a multi-day beach volleyball clinic in San Diego. Welcoming 23 participants, the clinic was held at COAST Volleyball in Del Mar with expert instruction tailored for those new to the sport and those with more experience.



### CAF + SAN DIEGO PADRES

Two CAF athletes received star treatment at a Padres game thanks to San Diego County Toyota Dealers. Mikey Manka kicked off the game with an enthusiastic "play ball," while Anthony Pone threw out the first pitch. Mikey and Anthony also had a chance to meet Padres pitcher, Blake Snell, and other players before the game.

### CAF + USAT MULTI-SPORT CLINIC AT UCLA

In collaboration with USA Triathlon and the University of California, Los Angeles, CAF hosted a youth multi-day clinic on the university campus. With funding from the LA84 Foundation, CAF introduced the sport of paratriathlon to 15 youth athletes who learned the techniques of swim, cycle, and running/wheelchair racing.

CAF Athlete Mateo says he wants to break barriers for other athletes with physical disabilities. Utilizing a piece of equipment designed specifically

for athletes with spina bifida, he did just that when he raced down the track for the first time, feeling the wind rush through his hair. An empowering moment for Mateo was also an emotional one for his mom who said, *"To see him do that with his own body is something I will never forget."*



### SWITCHFOOT BRO-AM BEACH FEST

Each year the partnership between CAF + SWITCHFOOT BRO-AM Foundation increases youth access to surf in Southern California through athlete grants and the opportunity to participate in an expression session at the BRO-AM Beach Fest in Encinitas, where CAF athletes surf alongside band members and are recognized on stage.

## A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

# 2023

CAF's headquarters office in San Diego received a refresh last year thanks to donor contributions from Burger Construction and Las Patronas. This meaningful and important project allowed CAF to use our space to shine a light on our mission, CAF athletes, and recognizing those who give generously to the organization.





# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## » REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



### CAF-NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BUILDS COMMUNITY

It was a year of exponential growth for CAF in Northern California. With a consistent calendar of sports clinics, sporting events, and outreach opportunities, the result was a 48% increase in regional applications through our annual Grant Program. As this region thrives, a powerful CAF community emerges.



#### CELEBRATION OF HEART GALA

CAF's 2023 Celebration of Heart Gala was a moving and empowering evening bringing the Northern California community together through their shared love of sport. Held at Pier 27 in San Francisco, the event welcomed 375 attendees who embraced the evening's theme "Be Moved," raising \$675,000 for CAF's mission.



#### CAF CYCLING CLUB

The NorCal Cycling Club continued to bring riders of all experience levels together each week – whether training for a race or simply joining for fun. The club was first started by CAF Board Member, Lotte Toftdahl, with the goal of building a community of riders that would spread awareness and support our organization.

#### CAF ADAPTIVE GOLF CLINIC

CAF hosted our second annual adaptive golf clinic at the exceptional Olympic Club in San Francisco thanks to the Jonathan and Rae Corr Family Foundation. Welcoming 19 athletes of all ages and experience levels, CAF Board Member, Alan Shanken, said *"It was a day of equalization, learning the game of golf, and improving skills."*

CAF Athlete Chris had always loved playing sports; however, after his amputation, he didn't think it

would ever be the same. But when Chris found CAF and the opportunity to improve his skills in the game of golf, he understood all that was still possible. In a special grant presentation at the clinic, Chris received \$2,500 to keep pursuing his passion for the sport of golf.



#### ADAPTIVE HIKING CLINIC

In partnership with UCSF, Sports Basement, and GRIT, CAF hosted an adaptive hiking excursion at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. This clinic welcomed 24 athletes (ten of whom were new to CAF) of all ages and hiking experience levels, providing the right support team and adaptive sports equipment to enjoy the outdoors.

### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

## 2022

In 2022, CAF, the Golden State Warriors, BORP, and Road Warriors joined together to establish the Warriors Basketball Academy. This initiative was critical to increasing adaptive sports opportunities for youth in the Bay Area through regularly scheduled wheelchair basketball clinics – a program that is still going strong today.





# IDAHO » REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## CAF-IDAHO OFFERS NEW ADVENTURES

CAF-Idaho continues to offer new adventure through grants, strategic clinic programming, and the opening of the Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse. CAF-Idaho helps athletes discover potential, connect with an encouraging and inclusive community, and get back in the game of life through sport.



### ATHLETE GRANTS

CAF-Idaho distributed 240 athlete grants totaling \$363,998 in support. One of those athletes was Brooklyn, whose journey with adaptive sports began at the age of five, igniting a passion for wheelchair racing. Beyond the track, she thrives in the thrill of skiing, cycling, and sled hockey, embracing each challenge with determination and grace.



### CAF + ÖSSUR RUNNING + MOBILITY CLINIC

Empowering people to live life without limitations is at the heart of Össur and CAF-Idaho. This year, the region hosted its first running and mobility clinic for athletes with lower limb amputations and lower limb difference at Boise State University's state-of-the-art venue.

### IDAHO OUTDOOR FIELDHOUSE

Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse is complete. Thanks to J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation (JKAF), this groundbreaking facility is set to revolutionize Idaho's recreation scene for CAF-Idaho and Mission43 athletes. Not only home to CAF's team in Idaho, the Fieldhouse is also an accessible world-class destination.

From an aquatic center, gymnasium, rock climbing wall, ninja warrior course, outdoor track, functional fitness areas, conference rooms, and administrative offices, to a Hyperbaric Oxygen

Therapy chamber, the 46,000 square-foot facility has been designed to create an inclusive and empowering environment for military veterans and athletes with physical disabilities.



### SPORTS CLINIC FOR ALL SEASONS

CAF-Idaho continued to bring new opportunities to the community through sports clinics designed for those who are learning for the first time or who are looking to hone their skills. Sports offered this year included mountain biking, cycling, rock climbing, fly fishing, wake surfing, inclusive workout, archery, and alpine skiing.

### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

## 2019

CAF-Idaho was launched in 2019 thanks to JKAF. With much excitement and anticipation, the region hosted its first major athlete event, a WXMC demo and clinic at the Rhodes Skate Park as part of the Road to the X Games.







# NORTHEAST » REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## CAF-NORTHEAST NEVER STOPS MOVING

Thanks CAF Sports Clinics like indoor surfing, sled hockey, sailing, pickleball, paratriathlon, and swim, athletes throughout the Northeast never stopped moving. Like never before, CAF-Northeast introduced new athletes to new sports, while continuing to engage the community.



### HEROES, HEART, AND HOPE GALA

CAF's Heroes, Heart, and Hope Gala was a magical evening at the picturesque Ludlow Farms in Southampton filled with stories of empowerment. Chaired by Scott and Emily Stackman, the event raised \$1.5M to support our programs, bringing together our incredible community of athletes and supporters throughout the Northeast.



### CAF PICKLEBALL CLINIC

CAF hosted our first-ever series of adaptive pickleball clinics with City Pickle at New York City's iconic Wollman Rink. The clinic welcomed athletes of all ages from around the tri-state area to either try the sport for the first time or to work on improving their skills with the guidance of expert coaches.

### CAF + DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

CAF and the DICK's Sporting Goods Foundation (DSGF) increased awareness about adaptive sports through an activation at the DSG House of Sport grant opening in Johnson City. DSGF asked CAF to help upgrade a local youth athlete's basketball wheelchair, using their old one for an in-store display.

Highlighting our shared commitment to inclusivity and representation in sports, 10-year-old Claire received her new basketball wheelchair and met

former professional basketball player and sports analyst Rebecca Lobo. Claire's generosity in sharing her story for the in-store display made an impact almost immediately. Claire's passion for sports and her voice to advocate for others represents the heart of our partnership.



### EMPIRE STATE BUILDING RUN-UP

In an unforgettable experience, 25 CAF athletes raced up the Empire State Building, tackling 1,576 stairs and raising \$50,000 for CAF. With the support of the CAF-Northeast team, CAF athletes Grace and Derek both got to ring the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange on the day of the race.

### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

## 2022

In 2022, Kelly Worrell joined CAF as a full-time staff member. Over the past two years, she has led our regional programs in the Northeast to heights. Not only is Kelly instrumental in implementing new programming and building community, but she is also a beloved mentor, empowering the next generation to go for gold.



# YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2023



## CAF + KIDS MARATHON MILE AT LEGOLAND

CAF joined In Motion Events for the first Inclusive Kids Marathon Mile at LEGOLAND California Resort. In

collaboration with Merlin's Magic Wand Foundation, kids with and without physical disabilities got to run, roll, and stroll together with CAF's Rudy Garcia-Tolson.



## PLAYLA PARA SURF CLINICS

In collaboration with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, CAF is proud to have supported PlayLA's initiative to increase opportunities for youth athletes in Los Angeles to experience the joy of sport through six Para Surf Clinics in Venice Beach ahead of the LA28 Games.

## 2023 ATHLETES IN EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Kelly Worrell and Ella Rodriguez who received a 2023 Athletes in Excellence Award from the Foundation for Global Sports Development. CAF was proud to nominate them for this prestigious award that recognizes exceptional athletes who are community leaders and mentors.

### KELLY WORRELL



ELLA RODRIGUEZ



## BIONIC MILE

CAF athletes, families, and supporters joined together to participate as a team in the San Francisco Bionic Mile in

November. This inclusive 1-mile/5K race hosted by Will Borden, founder of the Bionic Project, welcomed athletes of all ages with and without physical disabilities for this exciting race.

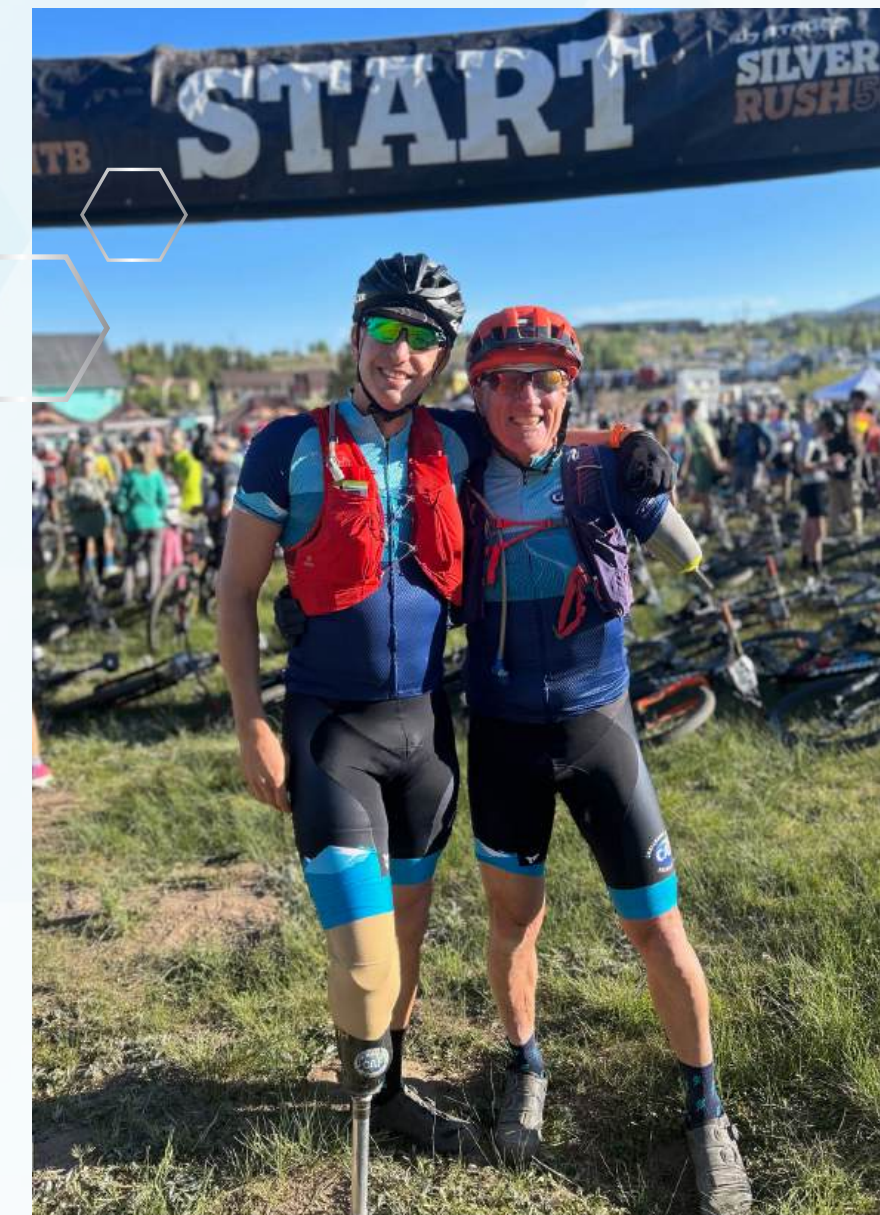
## TEAM CAF TAKES ON TWO ULTIMATE ENDURANCE CHALLENGES

Team CAF took on epic adventures at the Leadville Trail 100 Run + Mountain Bike Race and Badwater 135 Ultramarathon. These two iconic endurance race events are known for being some of the world's toughest, and our team of CAF Athletes and fundraisers were eager to accept the challenge. CAF's 2023 Leadville Team was comprised of 13 mountain bikers and nine runners who took on the grueling 100-mile "Race Across the Sky." In California, two racers covered 135 non-stop miles across the Badwater Basin, crossing the finish line at the Mt. Whitney Portal. While these thrilling and historic events continue to be the ultimate challenge, it is also a meaningful experience for participants.

## ISA PARA SURF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The ISA Para Surf World Championships welcomed top para surfers from around the globe, and CAF helped athletes travel to compete in Huntington Beach last year. We are grateful to the Harth Family Foundation who generously supported the journey for 18 of those athletes through CAF's Grant Program.



## DEVILS YOUTH FOUNDATION GAME EXPERIENCE

Seven New Jersey CAF Athletes experienced hockey from a new perspective thanks to the Devils Youth Foundation. This experience included an inspirational speaker series, the chance to high-five players in the tunnel to the ice, and cheer on the team during an exciting game at the arena.



# SIGNATURE EVENTS

# CELEBRATION OF WILL GALA

BENEFITING THE CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION



## AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

CAF's 2024 Celebration of Will Gala demonstrated the powerful impact philanthropy, sports, and music can make, raising an unprecedented \$6.6M. The Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa was a stunning backdrop to an evening filled with empowering stories told by CAF athletes and unforgettable musical performances.

**\$6.6M**  
Raised

## SPORTS INSPIRE, MUSIC UNITES

Heartfelt letters written and read by CAF athletes Zach, Rosalie, and Lance perfectly illustrated how life-changing sports and a supportive community can be; while CAF athletes, Breezy Bochenek and Samuel Nehemiah, were joined by the Mzansi Youth Choir from South Africa who captivated hearts with their vibrant and soul-stirring lineup of songs. The pinnacle of the evening was when Johnatha Bastos, a talented musician who uses his feet to play the guitar, was joined on stage for a performance with Coldplay's Chris Martin.



## HONORING DECADES OF EMPOWERMENT

CAF is grateful to our event co-chairs Annie and Jeff Jacobs and Jill and Jeffrey Essakow for their generosity in bringing this event to fruition and to those who gave abundantly in honor and celebration of three decades of empowering lives through sport.



1998

*"The first year I met Robin, I was eight years old. I remember shaking his hand and I asked him if he would be my relay partner. Robin made me the luckiest kid in the world. During the triathlon, I swam, Robin rode the bike, and Scott Tinley ran. We are Team Braveheart - and always will be!"*

// RUDY GARCIA-TOLSON

A Celebration of Will means something different to each person. To Rudy Garcia-Tolson, it is a reminder of the precious moment spent with his friend, Robin Williams, who is the very person after which this event was named. As a young athlete, Rudy's relationship with Robin as part of Team Braveheart at CAF's San Diego Triathlon Challenge was one based on mutual admiration and respect; and one that became a cherished part of Rudy's experience with our organization.



*Team Braveheart*

A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

# SIGNATURE EVENTS



## MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE

PRESENTED BY SULLY ENTERTAINMENT GROUP LLC

**\$2.7M**  
Raised

**169** Participants  
**28** Athletes  
**12** Event Sponsors  
**597** Miles  
**7** Days



## THE LEGACY: THE MDC

The beauty of the Million Dollar Challenge (MDC) presented by Sully Entertainment has always been its unique ability to bring together an incredible community of CAF athletes, donors, sponsors, and supporters - all for the purpose of making life-changing impact on the lives of people with physical disabilities. Over the past 18 years, this exceptional peloton has ridden the California coast together from San Francisco to San Diego – supporting each other along the way and celebrating each passing mile. As we take this moment to reflect on the legacy of the MDC, we are eager to write the next chapter our cycling story, building something new for the next generation. CAF thanks Dean Roeper and Scott Rhodes for chairing this event since 2009.



# Legacy

2012

### A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

Marine Corps Reservist Lance Weir set out on his first MDC ride in 2012. Feeling nervous at the race start, that uncertainty melted away after the first downhill ride into San Gregorio State Beach. In this life-changing moment the wind brushed his face, filling him with a warmth and joy that he hadn't experience since before his accident. Among his many athletic accomplishments since, Lance crossed the MDC finish line for the 11th time in 2023.



*"The long scenic routes provide an amazing opportunity to connect with amazing and generous people through a common connection, raising funds to help more challenged athletes regain their life and spirit through sport. I can't thank the CAF organization enough; they raise my spirits during every interaction on and off the bike!"*

**MICHELLE PINARD**  
CAF ATHELTE



# SIGNATURE EVENTS

**\$1.56M**  
Raised



**925**  
Participants



**186**

CAF Athletes

**800**

Volunteers

**6**

Sports Clinics

**135**

Clinic Participants

**7**  
GRANTS

## SAN DIEGO TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

presented by Dan + Geof



## TOUR DE COVE

presented by EoS Fitness

## 5K WALK, RUN, + ROLL

presented by Nike



## JAMI MARSEILLES KIDS RUN + ROLL

presented by Philadelphia Insurance Companies

## TOYOTA SPORTS FESTIVAL + ATHLETE LOUNGE

fueled by Toyota



**5**  
SPORTS EXPERIENCES

A MOMENT IN CAF HISTORY

# 2023

Although the San Diego Triathlon Challenge and CAF Community Challenge Weekend have evolved over the past 30 years, Nike has always been a part of these incredible events. CAF's partnership with Nike actually began with the first San Diego Triathlon Challenge, donating running shoes to all participants. Over the years, Nike's support of the event has only continued to grow; and in 2023, they presented the 5K Walk, Run, and Roll – which welcomed the most participants that race has ever seen.

# PARTNERSHIPS WITH PURPOSE



CAF is grateful to the eight global partners who have aligned their brand with ours to increase equal access to sports for people with physical disabilities. We are proud to work with these partners to who make individual impact while generating greater awareness about all that is possible through sport.



**Nike** made life-changing impact through contributions to our Grant Program this year, while also generously keeping our athletes, donors, and staff outfitted in Nike clothing and shoes. Nike was also the title sponsor of the CAF 5K Run, Walk, and Roll with Paralympian Sara Reinertsen leading the wave starts.



**TOYOTA** Toyota supported our mission across the country through a baseball clinic with the Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres Game Day Experience, San Diego Gas & Electric EV Day, a clinic with the Philadelphia Flyers, and by presenting 11 grants at Toyota Sports Festivals at the Los Angeles and New York auto shows.



**EōS Fitness** Thanks to **EōS Fitness**, 90 CAF Athletes last year received gym memberships through our Grant Program. Dedicated to making fitness inclusive and accessible to all, EōS Fitness instructors also provided inclusive workouts at Community Challenge Weekend, Disability IN, Accenture, SDG&E's EV Day, and CAF + Sony Fall Fest.



Through CAF's long-standing partnership with **Össur**, we are giving people the opportunity to enjoy "Life Without Limitations." In addition to the seven Running and Mobility Clinics hosted last year, CAF + Össur distributed 127 prosthetic sports feet and 24 knees to deserving athletes through our Grant Program.



Earlier this year, CAF + **Smoothie King** hosted a wheelchair basketball showcase where local 11-year-old Kayden received a surprise grant for an Eagle Sport wheelchair. Pelicans players Jose Alvarado, Matt Ryan, Jordan Hawkins, and Cody Zeller offered expert coaching at the clinic.



**Accenture** team members didn't hesitate to engage in our mission by volunteering at CAF + Össur Running and Mobility Clinics in Atlanta, Columbus, and Dallas and at CAF's Community Challenge. Accenture also hosted several inclusive workouts and sponsored our IRONMAN Oceanside 70.3 Team.



The success of CAF-Idaho would not be possible without the generous support of the **J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation** who is committed to creating opportunities for people with physical disabilities to enjoy sports and recreation year-round through grants, clinics, and through the development of the Idaho Outdoor Fieldhouse.



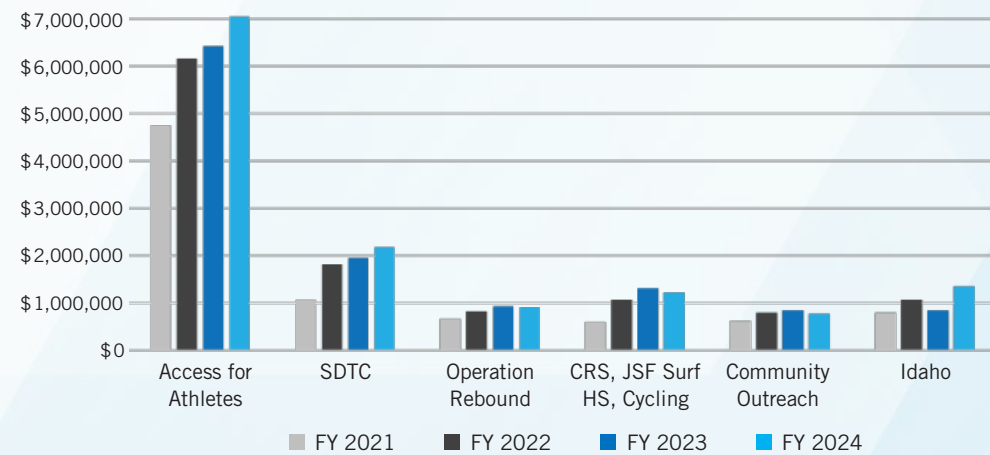
Over the past year, **100%** was strongly committed to using their platform to increase adaptive sports awareness, while generously providing CAF Athletes and fundraisers with the gift of quality performance eyewear. CAF's Million Dollar Challenge, Community Challenge, Sports Clinics, and CAF + Sony Fall Fest were all supported by 100%.

# FINANCIALS

APRIL 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024

Dedicated to empowering lives through sport, transparency and accountability are part of CAF's fundamental values. The following financials demonstrate how we carefully manage our resources to fulfill our mission effectively while ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability. For a detailed financial report, please visit [challengedathletes.org/financials](https://challengedathletes.org/financials)

## CAF SPENDING BY PROGRAM

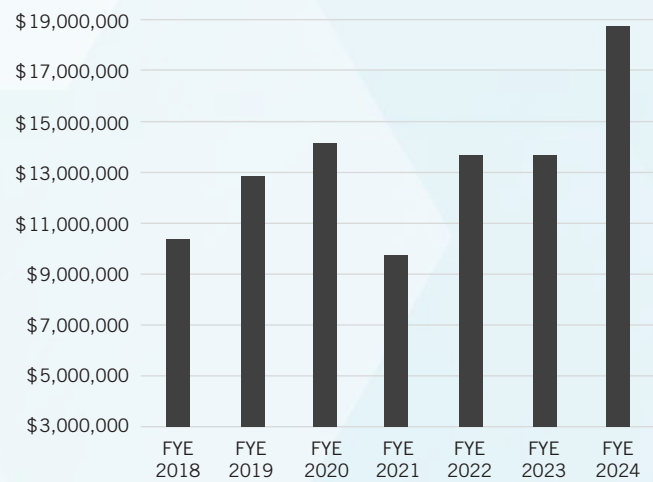


## ENDOWMENTS AND FAMILY FUNDS

CAF Endowment in Memory of Robin Williams  
The Rose Fund  
Kate Steinle Memorial Endowment

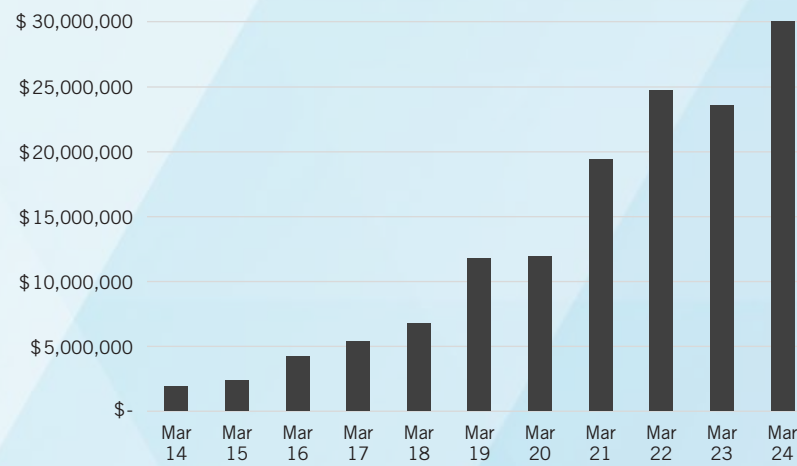
Gail and Howard Stackman Memorial Fund  
Maguire Family Fund  
Robert Spotswood Memorial Fund

## CAF REVENUE



## CAF'S 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR SECURING OUR FUTURE WITH \$30M

### TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND DONOR ADVISED FUND



CAF reached many milestones this year thanks to the generous contributions given in support of our 30th Anniversary Campaign.

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving with CAF creates a legacy that ensures your passion for empowering people with physical disabilities continues for generations. If you would like to make CAF part of your long-term philanthropic goals, we can work with you to help you achieve your financial, tax, or estate planning objectives. For more information contact:

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## JOIN THE LEGACY CHAMPIONS CIRCLE

The Legacy Champions Circle honors those who support the transformational power of sport by donating to the Challenged Athletes Foundation through their estate plan.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- > Your name displayed as a Legacy Champions Circle member at CAF Headquarters (Anonymous giving option available)
- > Special memento recognizing membership
- > Invitations to special CAF events



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
**CAFLEGACY.ORG**



## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CAF

# JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Throughout the past year, it was a joy to celebrate 30 years of our work. "JOIN THE MOVEMENT" shined a bright light on the CAF athletes, generous supporters, and like-minded partners who have helped propel us forward, changing lives, breaking barriers, and igniting futures. United under a common belief that increasing access to resources unlocks opportunity, we are all part of a movement that empowers lives through sport, one athlete at a time.

### Remembering Bill Walton

As the celebration surrounding our anniversary comes to an end, we want to honor someone who has significantly impacted our mission. In May 2024, CAF mourned the loss of our good friend, Bill Walton. Known for being one of the greatest basketball players of all time, Bill's presence was larger than life – and equally, so was his heart.

Bill's gentle soul and positive outlook made a huge impact on CAF throughout most of our organization's history. He invested his time to encourage and mentor CAF athletes nationwide and used his voice to advocate for people everywhere with physical disabilities. Over the past ten years, he also remained a dedicated member of our cycling family. Never taking a day on the bike for granted, he treasured every mile and every member of the peloton often saying, "I got to ride my bike today. I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

The CAF family will remember Bill as a friend, mentor, teammate, legend, and gentle giant. We are forever changed because he was a part of our lives. His example of kindness in action and his passion to empower others have provided a unique strength to the fabric of our organization that will carry forward through our next 30 years.

*"I get to ride my bike today!"*  
// BILL WALTON





# MISSION

It is the mission of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) to provide opportunities and support to people with physical disabilities so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. CAF believes that involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence, and enhances quality of life.

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It is because of the passion and dedication of our incredible CAF volunteers that we can fulfill our mission. There is no shortage of wonderful causes to give back to, and we are sincerely grateful to those who have chosen to selflessly give their heart, time, talent, and expertise to our organization. On behalf of CAF, THANK YOU for all that you do for our community. Whether you have volunteered once or hundreds of times over the past 30 years, your generosity has made a difference. Here's to the next three decades of giving back and making a difference!



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