Adaptive Sports Connection, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization located in Powell, Ohio. Established in 1992 to improve the health and well-being of veterans, adults, and children with disabilities, we provide sports and outdoor recreational activities.

We are an active chapter member of Disabled Sports USA, a national organization focused on improving the lives of wounded warriors, youth, and adults with disabilities.

Through a partnership with the City of Columbus we have access to nearly 22 acres of beautiful land along the Scioto River for water sports and fishing.

And through the ongoing support of Snow Trails Ski Resort in Mansfield, Ohio and Mad River Mountain Ski Resort in Valley Hi, Ohio, we provide winter sports for participants. In addition, we take our programs on the road to different locations.
We all understand that this life is full of challenges. But for people with disabilities, it is even more challenging.

An unexpected accident that causes a spinal cord injury; cancer or diabetes that causes an amputation; war that causes an injury; birth defect that causes a malformation; neurological condition that causes immobility; stroke that causes partial paralysis; infection that causes vision impairment; substance abuse, dementia, brain injury, trauma, and any number of other conditions that cause cognitive and physical disabilities.

Disabilities Impact
**ADAPTIVE SPORTS CONNECTION**

**MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR**
**COMMUNITY. HEALTH. LIVELIHOOD.**

- Giving people with disabilities a sense of freedom, hope, and independence
- Giving families opportunities to experience outdoor recreation together
- Giving volunteers opportunities to lead, mentor, and serve
- Improving overall health and well-being for an underserved population
- Connecting Community

Research has since confirmed the power that sports can have for people with disabilities. A Harris Interactive research study of more than 1,000 adults with disabilities showed that those participating in adaptive sports programs had higher employment rates, were happier, healthier, and enjoyed higher socialization than those not participating in adaptive sports.

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<td>Be employed</td>
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<td>Be more physically active</td>
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<td>Lead a healthy lifestyle</td>
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<td>Lead a fulfilling life</td>
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<td>Enjoy socializing more</td>
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<td>Look forward to the rest of their life</td>
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I get to push the boundaries of what the world says I can and can’t do.

I am so fortunate to get the opportunity to share the laughter, the challenge and the mountaintop moments. Sports and adventure bring me ridiculous amounts of joy and perseverance. As an instructor, I hope to impart that joy into the lives of individuals and families.

Amanda Young, born with spina bifida, is both a participant and certified kayak and ski instructor.
I AM BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH ADAPTIVE SPORTS,

which has helped me build my self-esteem. I am now motivated and setting goals for my life instead of waiting to see if I am going to wake up tomorrow - I now feel like I have hope for a future.

Adam Greathouse, who was serving in the U.S. Army, was deployed in Kosovo when exposure to toxic chemicals caused a bacterial infection in his lungs that sent him into acute respiratory distress and led to a traumatic brain injury from lack of oxygen.
Through community partnerships with other organizations and school systems, along with increased awareness of our programs, we have seen an increase of nearly 50% - serving 1413 participants and 3000 plus family members. We had 420 volunteers last year logging in 44,855 hours.

**Nearly 50% Growth**

*in participants and volunteers this year.*

- **1,413** participant visits
- **88** sports and outdoor programs
- **3,000+** family members
- **420** volunteers
- **44,855** volunteer hours donated
With our continued growth, your support is critical. It costs $364 to serve one participant. From adaptive equipment, transportation, medical observation, adaptive sports training for volunteers, insurance, day programs, custom events, excursions and individual activities - we need your help to keep up with the growing demands for our programs.

In comparison with other Disabled Sports chapters across the country, our budget from last year is below what is needed to meet the growing demands for our programs.

AND, WE ARE ONLY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE...

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 141,860 individuals age 5+ with a disability in Franklin County. There are 12,900 in Delaware County, 17,540 in Richland County, 18,530 in Logan County, and 23,800 in Licking County.
THE POWER OF ABILITY

BOUNDLESS ATTITUDE

MY LIFE CHANGED IN AN INSTANT

when I fell off a ladder and suffered a spinal cord injury leaving me a paraplegic. I had always been an avid athlete and adventure seeker.

I couldn’t imagine life without sports. During the rehabilitation process, I was told what I can’t do - adaptive sports focused on what I CAN DO!

Preston Shepard,
former TAASC board member, certified ski and kayak instructor, current program coordinator at New England Disabled Sports.
In the spirit of sports, challenges, and Boundless Courage within us all – we encourage you to take the **Boundless Courage Challenge** and help us raise $500,000 to support the challenges of the children, adults, and veterans with disabilities.

Everyone who participates will receive a Boundless Courage t-shirt and a special outing this winter to experience adaptive skiing. With a $10,000 individual gift, we will extend an invitation to join us at The Hartford Ski Spectacular.

Hosted by Disabled Sports USA at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado, The Hartford Ski Spectacular is one of the nation’s largest winter sports festivals for people with disabilities, with more than 800 registered participants annually!

The title sponsor of the event is The Hartford Financial Services Group.

The Hartford Ski Spectacular strengthens and expands adaptive snow sports programs in communities throughout the U.S. and helps identify and train youth, wounded warriors, and others with disabilities who strive to be winter Paralympians. A week of ski and snowboard race training prepares athletes for national and international competitions.
**GET READY...**
**HERE’S HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP!**

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<td><strong>$25,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS COURAGE</strong></td>
<td>You are helping 70 children, adults, and veterans participate in any of our adaptive sports and recreation programs.</td>
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<td><strong>$10,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS FREEDOM</strong></td>
<td>You are helping 30 children, adults, and veterans participate in any of our adaptive sports and recreation programs.</td>
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<td><strong>$5,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS RESILIENCE</strong></td>
<td>Provides a mono-ski for adults and veterans</td>
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<td>Provides for an adaptive bike for an adult</td>
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<td><strong>BOUNDLESS LAUGHTER</strong></td>
<td>Provides an adaptive bike for a child including bike evaluation, bike assembly, surprise delivery, RideOn Bike Camp</td>
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<td><strong>$1,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS INDEPENDENCE</strong></td>
<td>Gives 40 kids at local schools a kayak outing</td>
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<td><strong>$850</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS SUPPORT</strong></td>
<td>Supports our custom programs for children and adults with autism, spina bifida, and other cognitive disabilities</td>
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<td><strong>$250</strong></td>
<td><strong>BOUNDLESS POSSIBILITIES</strong></td>
<td>Provides a family with a membership to the Adaptive Sports Connection</td>
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<td><strong>$150</strong></td>
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<td>Provides for our summer bike clinic for a child</td>
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Go to taasc.org today to donate and take the Boundless Courage Challenge or mail in a check to

Adaptive Sports Connection
6000 Harriott Rd.
Powell, Ohio 43065

For naming and other gift opportunities, please contact Sharon Schreiber, executive director, at (614) 389-3921.
I KNEW I HAD TO CHANNEL MY ENERGY IN A POSITIVE WAY AFTER MY INJURY - I WAS SO ANGRY.

I can’t say enough about the people at TAASC. To be able to participate in adaptive sports has completely changed my life. Faith, Adaptive Sports, and Julius, my loyal dog have made all the difference in redirecting the story of my life.

My goal now is to continue to help others move forward in a positive way.

Ellias, an Army Ranger, is visually impaired after contracting a bacterial infection while serving in the Army during the Iraq War.

THANKS FOR TAKING THE BOUNDLESS COURAGE CHALLENGE

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