Fall! It is simply my favorite time of year. Crisp air, warm sun, and the colors – it does not get much better here at 9,300 feet in the Elk Mountains. The other thing fall inevitably brings is reflection on summer and excitement about winter and, true to form, that is happening here at the Adaptive Sports Center.

What a great summer we had. It kicked off in June and rolled strong through early October. We had many of our favorite people return to the ASC and many new faces as well. Programming is back to 92% of pre-pandemic levels. Over the last five months, it was wonderful to see our instructors and participants gearing up for a big day out. Our events were fantastic – both the Crested Butte Open and Bridges of the Butte proved to be a great time for all with excellent outcomes. It is always so impressive, and humbling to witness the show of support and the belief in what we do from all the folks who join us for these events. In short, a solid and heartfelt thank you from the entire ASC team to all of our participants, volunteers, and supporters we worked with this summer.

Looking forward, we are excited about winter! As I write this, the high peaks are receiving their first real coating of snow reminding us to get ready. Winter in Crested Butte is like nothing else and a tangible level of stoke and anticipation echoes around the Valley. Once the chairlifts start spinning, that echo turns into a roar as ski-obsessed enthusiasts return to Mt. CB, almost like summer never happened. Getting your first turns of the season is another great tradition of this Valley and the ASC crew will be out there hooting and hollering, along with those who come see us, to get “out there.” We are looking forward to a full groups schedule, some great camps, seeing all the folks we know, and meeting everyone we haven’t had the pleasure of getting to know yet. Winter is headed our way, so bring on lots of the white stuff! Finally, I have had the honor of being the Acting Executive Director for the ASC since late December and am pleased to welcome Chris Hensley back from his sabbatical. I would like to give a massive thank you to our staff and board for their support these last nine months. I can’t imagine working with a finer group of people. The collective dedication of this group is why the ASC is such a great asset to those we serve. No doubt it will be great to have Hensley back in the mix – and yes, he better be ready to drag us out for a coffee AND some turns!

All the best from the entire crew at the ASC.

Christopher Read
CTRS, Program Director
Adaptive Sports Center
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Please note: ASC’s budget surplus is the result of several large unexpected, one-time donations and grant awards, including an endowment gift. Additionally, program expense was less than expected due to cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more detail on these numbers, our 2021-2022 independent audit is available on our website.

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#### Visiting Groups 2022-2023

**June**

- **Roger Pepper Adventure Camp**: Teen burn survivors
- **DC Adults**: Adult burn survivors
- **Ride the Rockies**: Adults with physical disabilities
- **Operation BASH #1**: Veterans with visual impairments
- **Rancho Los Amigos**: Adults with spinal cord injuries and other neurological disabilities
- **Servicemembers Undertaking Disabled Sports (SUDS)**: Veterans with physical disabilities

**July**

- **Move Mountains**: Youth at-risk
- **Ladies Session**: Women with physical disabilities
- **Fort Carson**: Soldiers and veterans with disabilities

**August**

- **Paralyzed Veterans of America**: Veterans with spinal cord injuries
- **Adaptive Mountain Biking**: World Championships
- **Shirley Ryan AbilityLab**: Adults with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities

**September**

- **National Rehabilitation Hospital**: Adults with spinal cord injuries
- **Operation BASH #2**: Veterans with visual impairments
- **Brooke Army Medical Center**: Veterans with amputations and physical disabilities
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**This Winter**

- **Baylor Scott & White Institute for Rehabilitation**: Mountain Mobility
- **Move Mountains**: Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association
- **Operation BASH**
- **Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana**: Roger Pepper Adventure Camp
- **Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**: Texas Shredders

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We’ve all grown tremendously and want to take this growth home to share with our communities and the rest of the world. The growth that the Adaptive Sports Center has shown me is what I want to share and bring out in others.

- Idahni, Participant with Expedition School
  Summer 2022
This summer, Helen Brieske of Salida, Colorado was able to reconnect with one of her great loves: being out on the water. It had been over 25 years since she had been on the water. As a child, she once lived on an island in the Mississippi River in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Water was part of her everyday routine as she had to boat to shore for almost all her family’s food or shopping needs. Later in life, Helen rafted the whitewater rapids of the Yampa River and Grand Canyon.

Over the years, Helen’s health circumstances changed and she feared she may never be on the water again. “I never thought I’d ever get back on the water again… I just don’t know what to say… I’m so full of thank yous.”

Her adventure started with an anonymous nomination to Wish of a Lifetime from AARP, a nonprofit based in Denver that grants wishes to older adults. An ER doctor, who had once helped Helen with a medical device, was impacted by her positivity and learned about her passion for water sports. It was clear to the doctor that Helen was a person who has been quick to support others and faces each day with courage and hope. Anyone who meets her can see she is both down-to-earth and buoyant. So, after one conversation with her, the doctor nominated Helen for a chance to experience her love of being out on the water, with specialized assistance, and without concern for costs.

Helen was surprised and delighted by the nomination. She said, “Oh, my goodness, I didn’t have any idea that anything like that was around and then to be part of it…”

When it came time to fulfill Helen’s wish, Shannon Hollis, a wish manager at Wish of a Lifetime from AARP, reached out to us to see if we could help provide an experience for Helen. She shared, “Helen LOVES the water and has felt disconnected from it for decades. While everything about her physical health says she can’t do this, everything in her spirit wishes she could. With the right support, location, and encouragement, this is feasible and would really reignite a love of Helen’s.”

We immediately fell in love with Helen and said yes to offering that support and encouragement! With personalized assistance to address her mobility needs, our instructors helped her experience the water again. She was able to canoe and paddleboard at the Blue Mesa Reservoir in Gunnison on a bright, bluebird day. While she is no stranger to water sports, this was Helen’s first time paddleboarding and she loved the multi-sensory experience. Toward the end of her session, Helen was overcome with gratitude and captivated by the scenic reservoir, so she laid down in the water to float. With her ASC instructors close by, Helen took a quiet moment to fully relax in the alpine water.

“Oh gosh! It could not have been more perfect. It was just the smell of the water, the scent of the water. The feel of it on my fingers on my hands. It just filled my heart with happiness.”

ASC Instructor Amy Cirbo describes Helen as “a big bundle of sunshine in a little body.” It’s meeting people like Helen, who love the outdoors as much as we do, that gives our work so much meaning. From instructors and admin to donors and volunteers, we all agree it’s days like this that remind us why we do what we do!
Photos (top left to right): (1) This year’s Adaptive Mountain Biking World Championships drew riders from across the country; (2) Crested Butte Dental won best team costume at Bridges of the Butte; (3) this brave team challenged themselves to the grueling Ride the Rockies; (4) Operation BASH scaled tall peaks; (5) Talie, Regina, and Cam trained for a ML CB Summit hike; (6) Roger Pepper Adventure Camp hit the rapids; (7) Ladies Session-complete with rainbows; (8) Rancho Los Amigos experienced the serenity of flat water; (9) Kayla pedaled over one of Crested Butte’s many bridges; (10) DC Adults enjoyed the lupines in full bloom; (11) riding through town was a fun way to explore Crested Butte!
Bob was not only a successful businessman, but also an avid pilot — flying was one of his passions. From family, business and personal trips to Angel Care Flights for cancer patients, he loved them all. He was known for his intense focus on safety, zealously using pre-flight checklists and training for all conceivable in-flight emergencies that he likely would never experience. Whenever possible, Bob enjoyed spreading the knowledge and experience he accumulated over the years to help others be successful. Although intimidating, he would say “all you have to do is take that first swing,” a common phrase his son Robby heard during home renovations. There was never a dull moment when he was around, and his stories always left you thinking: this could only happen to Bob.

After retiring in 2010, Bob was not one to sit still for long. He spent his time flying, traveling the world, skiing, and taking trips to Disney World. But most importantly, he enjoyed helping others. From rescuing those stranded by Hurricane Harvey to helping reconstruct water and freeze-damaged homes that were a result of natural disasters in his area of Texas, Bob took any opportunity he could to assist others. Even during his chemo treatments for cancer, he would smile while providing business advice to his caregivers. Bob was thankful for each new day, living life to the fullest and being able to help others. That is one of the reasons why he chose the Adaptive Sports Center to be a recipient of his endowment. Bob saw how much the organization helps people with disabilities enjoy recreational activities— the same outdoor activities that he too enjoyed very much and that most of us take for granted. Bob would frequently stop by the Adaptive Sports Center when he was in town. The more time spent in Crested Butte, the more he learned about the work of the ASC and its positive impact on its participants’ quality of life.

He will be missed—but his impact and legacy live on!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT ERBRICK

This fall, Adaptive Sports Center (ASC) received the single largest donation ever made to our endowment. The $600,000 donation, made from the estate of Robert M. Erbrick, a longtime supporter and friend of the ASC who passed away last spring, will support our mission in perpetuity. Robert wanted his donation to have a lasting impact and help more people experience the benefits of adaptive sports, who may otherwise never get the chance. This donation brings the ASC Endowment to over $1,000,000.

Robert (Bob) Erbrick was someone you could count on when you needed advice. He was always the go-to guy, the man with the plan and a problem solver. Bob was a hands-on hard worker who started climbing power poles with a New Jersey electric company and ended up as an entrepreneur who founded multiple prosperous companies. One was EPIC Merchant Energy, which was listed as number three of the top twenty industry participants in 2009, edging out Morgan Stanley.

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An Endowment Fund is money set aside (invested) to earn revenue to fund a charitable mission. The principal value of an endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings can be spent annually.

There are many planned giving opportunities and the Adaptive Sports Center looks forward to working with donors and their financial planners and counsel to find the best opportunity for them to make a lasting impact during their lives or through their estates. Please don’t hesitate to contact our Development Director, Allison Butcher, to discuss your planned giving ideas and questions.

Robert’s son, Robby Erbrick and fiance Matt Glenn, along with Robert’s dear friend Dave Ellis, hand-delivered the donation and shared stories of Robert and his passion for our mission.
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Lonnie Bedwell (center), our guest of honor and featured participant in this year’s Crested Butte Open film, joins Will & Leigh Mundinger, Katie and Kyle Miller (Presenting Sponsors for the event), Kimery Duda, and Beth & Nick Peters.
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