



Our Mission

“We exist to support and promote outstanding opportunities through recreation for children and adults with disabilities in cooperation with Northwest Special Recreation Association.”

About SLSF

Special Leisure Services Foundation (SLSF), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit foundation, is the fundraising arm of Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA). NWSRA is a partnership of seventeen park districts in the northwest suburban corridor of Chicago providing year-round recreational services to children and adults with disabilities. Current participation levels exceed 14,000 registrations per year. Through participation in NWSRA activities, individuals with disabilities are more productive members of their community, realizing greater independence, self-esteem and self-worth.

How Does SLSF Raise Funds?

- SLSF provides a year-round calendar of fundraising events.
- The Foundation also solicits grants from local corporations, charitable foundations and state/local government programs.
- Individuals, corporations and community leaders are invited to participate in events as sponsors, committee members and/or attendees.

How to Get Involved?

- Volunteer for an Event Committee, at a fundraising event, or encourage corporate volunteerism. Benefits include enhanced networking opportunities, addition to an individual’s resume, skill development, marketing exposure for the company, and a way to get out of the office!
- Donate to an Annual Appeal or register for an event. Benefits include tax deductions, listing in the Annual Report, an invitation to the Holiday Luncheon for donors over \$250 and making a difference in the life of an individual with a disability.
- Sponsor an event, or become a Partner. Benefits include marketing exposure through online, print and social media, continued exposure in the Annual Report and various publications throughout the year, and alignment with a reputable charity.



Foundation Dollars Provide:

● **Transportation**

The purchase and maintenance of wheelchair accessible vehicles that provide transportation to NWSRA programs, special events and trips.

● **Programs**

Innovative services and programs such as PURSUIT, cultural arts programs, as well as new program opportunities and the purchase of adapted equipment.

● **Inclusion**

The training and provision of staff and resources necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to successfully participate in local park district recreation programs.

● **Scholarships**

Funding to provide financial support to those in economic need to participate in NWSRA programs.

● **Athletics**

The training of athletes with physical, visual or cognitive disabilities to compete on sports teams with the opportunity to advance to district, state and international levels. NWSRA also offers leagues where athletes with disabilities partner with their non-disabled peers, encouraging positive interaction and a team atmosphere.

Annual Support Goals:

Transportation
\$70,000

Programs
\$144,000

Inclusion
\$14,000

Scholarships
\$81,000

Athletics
\$25,000

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“Benefits my child received include meeting new friends, exploring new places, swimming and independence from mom and dad. Her stomach muscles improved from giggling so much!” - Parent