Chad Jukes assists a climber during the 2015 Paradox Ice Ouray trip. Photo by Garret Smith
Letter from the Board

Dear Community Members,

In 2015, Paradox Sports realized a high level of success in our program delivery, curriculum trainings and building strong community relationships. The support we have received speaks volumes to the community of volunteers and donors that are such an integral part of the organization. We want to thank all of those individuals who have given their time and financial support.

This past year has been one of transition, growth and excitement for Paradox Sports. We have experienced leadership transition and now find ourselves welcoming in a renewed sense of excitement for the coming year. Paradox Sports is forever grateful to those individuals who tirelessly gave their time, treasure and talent, in order to support the growth of Paradox Sports. We have been working diligently on organizational structure, board development and delivering amazing experiences to adaptive communities across the country.

As we transition from 2015 into a new year, we are excited about the possibilities for growth, building new community relationships and ultimately structuring our organization so that we can support our refined mission of revolutionizing lives through adaptive opportunities that defy convention. We look forward to taking the next step in the evolution and development of Paradox Sports with our community.

Sincerely,

Dave Elmore
Board Chairman
"After sustaining a traumatic injury or change in physical function you’re forced to adapt the way you do things, which can feel like a daunting task to try and figure out on your own. There’s no question that a physical disability can make a lot of things more complicated, and that’s especially true when it comes to rock climbing. Climbers adapting to amputation, blindness, paraplegia, or any number of other physical or mental conditions must rely on specialized adaptive equipment, techniques, and assistance from others to make their dream of getting on the wall a reality. As a paraplegic athlete myself, I know how critical organizations like Paradox Sports are in helping me reach my goals."

- Vijay Viswanathan
Climbing, for me, is more than a personal pursuit. The climbing and outdoors community is comprised of an amazing group of individuals from all backgrounds and walks of life. It was the climbing community that helped me heal and find myself again after losing my dominant hand in an unfortunate accident. I am beyond happy and thankful to work with Paradox Sports and be able to share rock climbing with others who maybe once thought it wasn’t possible for him- or herself.

-Paradox Sports Ambassador Jonathon Sedor
Paradox Sports seeks to recognize and foster an individual’s potential and strength, defying the assumption that people with a physical disability can’t lead a life of excellence. We provide inspiration, opportunities and specialized adaptive equipment so that anyone is able to be an active participant in human-powered sports.

### Disabilities by Category on Trips

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"I had an absolute blast climbing with Paradox Sports in Red River Gorge, KY. I lost my vision a year and a half ago due to a seizure, and did not know how climbing would work when blind. I think I am braver in my disability now than I was before I became blind. When you face death, the challenges don’t seem as big. My guide, Craig DeMartino, knew exactly when to help me and when to let me figure out a problem for myself. I achieved what I had set out to do - to reach the top of a wall and to come back with an awesome scar. I know I will come back again next year!"  

- Avery Baggett
“Paradox Sports enables me to connect with people in ways that I thought I never could anymore. I used to dream about doing things I did before I went blind, now I am climbing challenging routes with my girlfriend on belay and I have Paradox Sports to thank for turning this into reality. Being outside at the beautifully vast Gunks cliffs accompanied by the friendliest guides I have ever experienced and fellow climbers I can relate to enriches my life to an extent I never could have imagined. I have come away from my adventures with Paradox Sports with unforgettable memories and new friends that I will forever feel connected with. “

- Neil Taylor

Our 2015 Trips

North Conway Ice — February
Ouray Ice Park — February
Red River Gorge — April
Eldorado Canyon — June
Mount Rainier — June
Grand Teton Veterans — July
Grand Teton Open — Sept
Yosemite — September
The Gunks — October
Red River Gorge — October
Shelf Road — October

In 2015, Paradox Sports ran 11 adaptive climbing trips in seven states for a total of 48 trip days. Our annual adaptive trips have a sense of irreverence and true grit that sets Paradox Sports apart. Paradox Sports integrates all abilities and skill levels, civilians and veterans, in order to create a unique supportive community. Our adaptive climbing trips run nearly year round, across the country. Paradox Sports teaches a high level of technical excellence in our trips, whether that is rock climbing, ice climbing or mountaineering.
In 2015, we continued to spread the love of adaptive climbing across North America by releasing our second edition Adaptive Climbing Manual and offering 16 Paradox Sports Adaptive Climbing Trainings. These multi-day training opportunities provide climbing gyms, universities and other programs with cutting edge training and techniques in adaptive climbing, making their programs more accessible to people of all abilities.
In 2015, Paradox Sports led adaptive climbing presentations at the Climbing Wall Association conference, the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference and the No Barriers Summit. Paradox Sports also sponsored athletes to attend Paraclimbing Nationals. Our community continues to grow as we support the creation of local adaptive climbing clubs across the country in climbing gyms and programs that have been Paradox trained.
Revenue Sources

- Individual Donations: 43%
- Corporate Donations: 18%
- Program Income: 17%
- Public Grants: 22%
- Program Income: $52,937
- Corporate Donations: $55,609
- Individual Donations: $99,177
- Event Income: $37,333
- TOTAL REVENUE: $313,439

Expense Allocation

- Programs: 74%
- Fundraising: 18%
- Admin: 8%
- Program Expenses: $227,284
- Administrative Expenses: $24,492
- Fundraising Expenses: $57,008
- TOTAL EXPENSES: $308,784
What’s Ahead in 2016

2016 Trips

North Conway Ice — January 29–31
Ouray Ice Park — February 26 - 28
Eldorado Canyon — June 11th
Youth Day CO Climb — Summer TBD
Yosemite — September 9 - 12th
The Gunks — September 23 - 25th
Red River Gorge — Sept 30 - Oct 2nd
Veterans Day CO Climb — November 11th
Shelf Road — October 21 - 23rd

2016 Trainings

DSUSA - Medford VA, White City, OR
DSUSA - Houston VA, Houston, TX
Grand Valley Climbing - Grand Junction, CO
Evo Rock - Concord, NH
Evo Rock - Indianapolis, IN
CU Pueblo - Pueblo, CO
Pathfinder Ranch - Anza, CA
CWA Summit - Loveland, CO
Seattle - Location TBD, Seattle, WA

...and more!

www.paradoxsports.org/trips
www.paradoxsports.org/training

In March 2016, the Paradox Sports athletes, staff and Board Members came together for an in depth Strategic Planning weekend to ensure continued growth and sustainability for year to come. In 2016 we will be running eight trips and ten adaptive climbing trainings as we focus on quality of our programs and connection to our tribe. Our key strategic goals will drive our engine through the next year.
Our work and growth would not be possible without the generous companies and professionals who donate their money, time and services to support adaptive climbing.

THANK YOU

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