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NEDSRA
Special Recreation Association

Annual Service Report 2018-2019

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For more than 40 years NEDSRA has enriched the lives of people throughout DuPage County. NEDSRA's impact goes beyond the thousands of people with disabilities we serve. We are a network of communities, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and supporters who have discovered the positive impact they can make in the world around them. We hope the information enclosed will inform and motivate you to join us. You will find your life is enriched in the process.

Please contact us to see how you can help .

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Our Core Values

• Excellence • Commitment • Fun
• Service With Compassion • Integrity • Quality

Our Vision

An agency of excellence, demonstrated by member partners working cooperatively with Board, staff and the community to enhance the quality of life for each individual.



Our

Mission

To serve as an integral partner with our member park districts and villages to positively impact individuals with disabilities through diverse recreation opportunities and community services.

Youth Services

2018-2019
2,366
REGISTRATIONS
1,286
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

- Swim Lessons • Karate
- Horseback Riding
- Bowling • Soccer
- Cooking • Music Lessons
- Summer Camp • Social Clubs
- Sensory Station
- 4H Club • School's Day Out

DID YOU KNOW?...

NEDSRA added a Sensory Lounger to the Sensory Station! This lounger was made possible due to a fundraiser at Ancona Jewelers.

Fun, friendships and learning come easily for our youth with a wide variety of skill-building, social and adventure programs. NEDSRA prides itself on providing a comprehensive and diverse range of recreational opportunities for all youths. Programs are designed to meet the individual needs of each participant. Social, emotional and developmental skills are improved upon, all while having fun.



Jackson's first program was Camp Spectacular. From camp, he joined the Fischer Farm 4H-ers, earning a Blue Ribbon at the County Fair. He's a star on the Huskies Juniors basketball team, where you can hear him shouting encouragements to his teammates. You can also find him hanging out on Friday nights with his friends at Teen Scene. He is willing to try most new activities at least once, and always does so with a smile. Jackson received the 2019 Youth Participant Award at the Reach for the Stars recognition event.

Adult Services

2018-2019
2,725
REGISTRATIONS

544
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

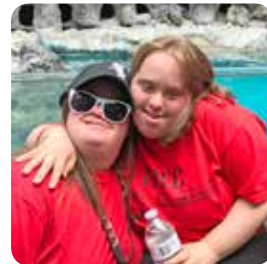
- Fitness • Cooking
- Water Exercise • Bowling
- Community Outings
- Vacation Trips • Dances
- Seasonal Parties
- Theater Troupe • Shopping
- Restaurants • Movies
- Concerts • Bingo
- Art Classes • Photography



Lifelong interests, skills and friendships are fostered for our adult participants through special events, weekly programs, parties, trips and social clubs. Individuals are able to identify and advocate for their personal recreational interests, as NEDSRA encourages them to express desired opportunities. Participants develop leisure planning, social and recreation skills, while enjoying positive times with friends.



Transition-Aged Recreation Experiences and Community (TREC) runs year-round, Monday through Friday, for adults, focusing on independent living skills, planning skills and social skills. The participants plan their activity schedule, volunteer in the community, shop for and prepare their meals, and work together to make the most of each day together.



Vacation and travel trips are very popular with our adults. This past year, our participants packed their bags for a trip to Boston and Cape Cod, a Caribbean Cruise and a trip to Kansas City.



Dennis is a regular at Social Clubs, an amazing addition at Day Trippers, and you wouldn't want to be caught against him in a game of bowling. He's absolutely amazing! When the program is over, he's the only one saying he's not ready to go home, he's not ready for the fun to end. His eagerness to help, contagious laugh, and constant positivity is what has made him such a joy to have as a part of the NEDSRA family. At the Reach for the Stars event, Dennis was the recipient of the 2019 Adult Participant Award.

DID YOU
KNOW?...

NEDSRA expanded our adult day program, TREC, from 3 to 4 days per week.

Special Olympics

2018-2019

477

REGISTRATIONS

122

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



Individuals with an intellectual disability discover the challenge and rewards of participation in sports through NEDSRA's Special Olympics teams. Seasonal, structured training and competitions help athletes develop skills not only in the sport, but strengthen their confidence, self-esteem and ability to respect and work with others.

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

~ Special Olympics Athlete Oath



**2019 Sports Banquet
Sportsmanship Award**

Bryan C.

Most Improved Award

Jario V.

Best Effort Award

Yvonne B.

Spirit Award

Chris W.

Basketball



Bocce



Bowling



Flag Football



Floor Hockey



Golf



Gymnastics



Jr. Basketball



Powerlifting



Soccer



Softball



Snowshoeing



Swimming



Track & Field



Tennis



Volleyball



**DID YOU
KNOW?...**

NEDSRA sent 12 athletes to compete at the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Inclusion Services

2018-2019
113
PROGRAMS

94
INDIVIDUAL SERVED

- Summer Day Camp •
 - Preschool •
 - Gymnastics •
- Before School Programs •
- After School Programs •



Inclusion offers many options to individuals with a disability. Programs with peers within a community park district or recreation department are a beneficial experience for many. The goal of inclusion is for participants to be successful in a program with the least restrictive environment.

DID YOU KNOW?...

NEDSRA received well over 100 requests for inclusion services and support in our park district and village programs.



Inclusion Process:

1. The Park District/Recreation Department contacts NEDSRA regarding the registration.
2. The NEDSRA Inclusion Coordinator will contact the participant and/or family to gather more information.
3. The NEDSRA Inclusion Coordinator or Inclusion Specialist will observe the participant within two weeks of the start of the program, or from time of request if program has started.
4. The team will determine the accommodations necessary for a successful inclusion plan.
5. If a Leisure Buddy is necessary, NEDSRA will place one in the program. This process is dependent on staff availability and training. A Leisure Buddy will be placed as soon as possible.
6. All participants must follow the Park District/Recreation Department Code of Conduct Guidelines and will be disciplined if the guidelines are not followed.
7. Inclusion is an ongoing process. Continual assessments are made to maintain the appropriate level of services.

Schools

NEDSRA's Experiential Community Education and Leisure (EXCEL) programs with special education classrooms support the Illinois Standards of Learning. Students in these classrooms learn while having fun community outings and recreational activities.

2018-2019
1,869
REGISTRATIONS



Adaptive Athletics

Synergy Adaptive Athletics, a collaborative effort of NEDSRA and the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA), provides adaptive sports opportunities to individuals with a physical disability. Archery, basketball, bocchia, bowling, and rock climbing are offered.



2018-2019
126
REGISTRATIONS



Veterans

The Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies program supports military veterans and their families. Free fitness memberships, personal fitness training and networking events are offered to improve the complete health of each veteran.



2018-2019
202
REGISTRATIONS



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Year-round opportunities! Save the date for
the 2020 Track Meet: May 16th!

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Our highly dedicated, trained and talented full-time, part-time and volunteer staff are essential to the quality and success of our programs.



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Meet the Team

Reach for the Stars

2018-2019
307
ATTENDEES

The annual Reach for the Stars recognition dinner is a time to celebrate part-time and volunteer staff who have gone above and beyond in their efforts in leadership within our programs with those we serve.

Rising Star



Sarah Wood
5 Years of service

Superstar Staff



Kris Robertson
6 Years of service

Superstar Volunteer



Vicky Mann
10 Years of service

Superstar Friend



The Anderson Family
40 Years of involvement

Superstar Supporter



Bob Gruelich
The Pinnacle Planning Group
15+ Years of service



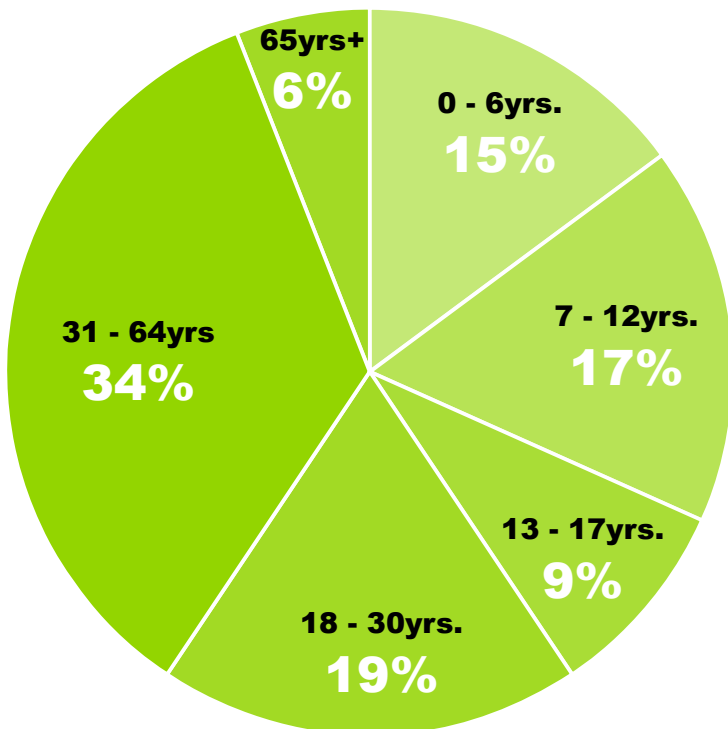
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2018-2019

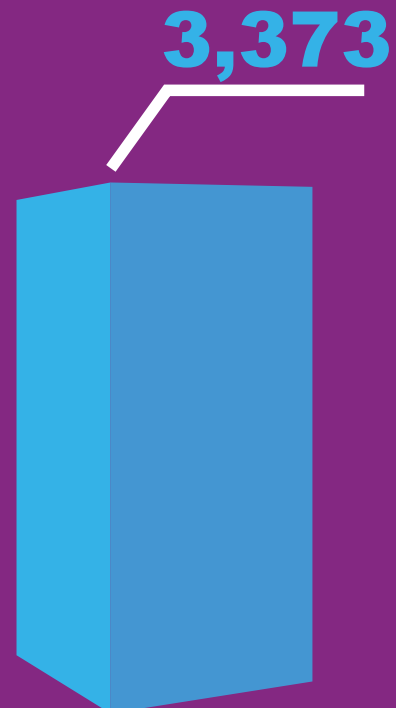
DID YOU KNOW?...

- NEDSRA hosted the 40th Annual Track and Field Meet for more than 200 athletes.
- The Sensory Station celebrated Autism Awareness month with the reveal of the Sensory Lounger thanks to Ancona Jewelers!
- NEDSRA provided overnight adventures in Chicago, a road trip to Cape Cod and a Caribbean Cruise.
- NEDSRA acquired new registration software that went live this fall with access to online registration.

REGISTRATIONS BY AGE GROUP



INDIVIDUALS SERVED



551

**PROGRAMS
& SERVICES
IMPLEMENTED
WITHIN THIS YEAR**

7,457

Registrations

OPERATIONAL REVENUE

Partner Contributions 68%

Program Fees 15%



Fund Development & Grants 16%

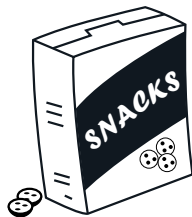
Misc 1%

Help NEDSRA Make An Impact

All contributions are recognized in our Annual Service Report mailed to 3,500 individuals annually, our seasonal brochure mailed to more than 3,500 participants seasonally, and with a tax deductible letter. Fundraiser sponsorships are recognized in day of programs, press releases and additional recognition, depending on the donation and the event.

Please note that ANY donation amount is greatly appreciated. You can make a general NEDSRA donation or dedicate your donation to a specific area, event, equipment or need.

Up To \$25



Food/Snacks for programs



Athletic equipment for sports programs

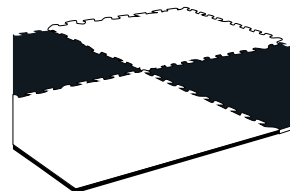


Dinner for a participant at the Annual Reach for the Stars Celebration



Help an individual participate!
Donate to NEDSRA's scholarship program

Up To \$500



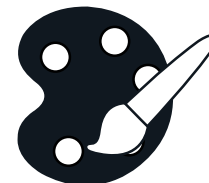
Padded flooring for the Sensory Station



Uniforms for Special Olympics Athletes

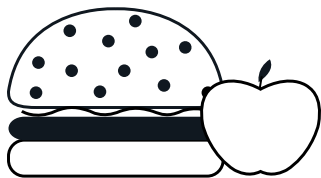


Hole Sponsorship for the Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser



Help participants experience their inner Picasso! Donate towards Cultural Arts programs

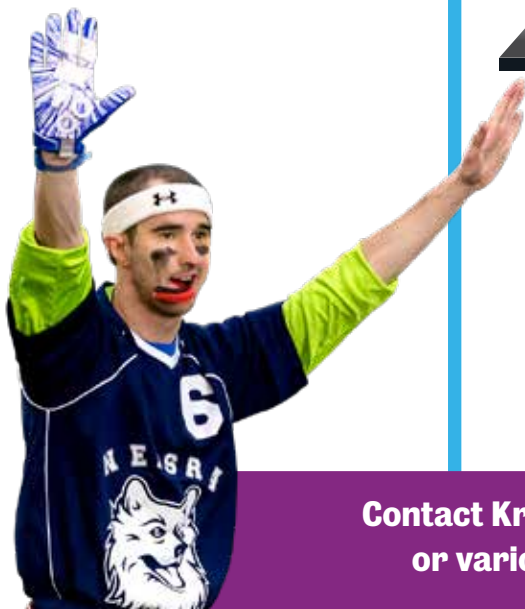
Up To \$1,000



Food for the participants & volunteers during the Annual Track & Field Meet



Help participants experience different places! Donate towards a trip



Up To \$1,500



Shirts for participants & volunteers during Annual Track & Field Meet



Sponsor a NEDSRA fundraiser



Become the Annual Golf Classic Lunch Sponsor

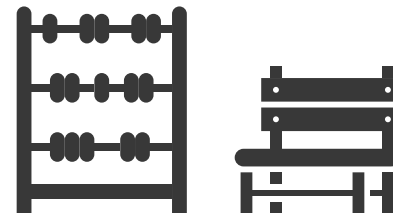
Up To \$2,000



Help participants gain access to NEDSRA programs! Donate to the Wheelchair Accessible Transportation Program



Become a sponsor of the NEDSRA Seasonal Brochure



Donate to the NEDSRA Sensory Entrance in front of the NEDSRA Building

Contact Kristen Seefurth at 630-576-4017 for additional needs or various information regarding ways to help NEDSRA!

Annual Donors & Golf Marathon Contributors



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The support NEDSRA receives from our many friends throughout the year is invaluable to our programs and services. Our sincere thanks to those generous individuals, community organizations, foundations and corporations who contributed to NEDSRA from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

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 Medinah Park District for sponsoring the printing
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Larry Roesch/ NEDSRA Golf Classic 2018



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continued support of NEDSRA!**
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Thanks to the loyal and continued support of the Larry Roesch Family Auto Group and the Bensenville Park District, the 27th Annual Roesch/NEDSRA Special Recreation Golf Classic was a huge success! Nearly 200 golfers enjoyed an outstanding day of golf at the White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. NEDSRA Board and staff greatly appreciate the individuals, local businesses and organizations for their generous contributions in helping generate over \$62,000 in net revenue. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the 27th Annual Golf Classic! The 28th Larry Roesch Golf Classic took place on September 11, 2019. Check back in the fall of 2020 for a summary.

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for September 16th
for the
2020 Golf Classic!*

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We would also like to acknowledge the overwhelming support of NEDSRA's 22nd Annual 100 Hole Challenge Golf Marathon on May 4th, 2018. We wholeheartedly thank the donors who generously supported NEDSRA's accessible vehicle replacement program. SAVE THE DATE! The 2020 Annual 100 Hole Challenge Golf Marathon will be on May 22nd, 2020.

In addition, we appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of the 4th Annual BBQ Bash held on June 8th, 2019. We thank you for your commitment and support. SAVE THE DATE! The 2020 BBQ Bash will be on July 18th, in Oakbrook Terrace. Stay tuned on our Facebook Page!

Any donations received after April 30, 2019, will be acknowledged in future quarterly program brochures and the 2019-2020 Annual Service Report. We regret any errors or omissions. Please contact us at 630-620-4500 so we can correct our records.





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