

## Adaptive sports programs receive boost from Broncos alumni | NONPROFIT REGISTER

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A grant from the Denver Broncos Alumni Association is enabling the National Sports Center for the Disabled to expand its adaptive sports program for school children.

### DENVER BRONCOS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**News:** A \$30,000 donation from the Denver Broncos Alumni Association will enable National Sports Center for the Disabled to help bring adaptive sports to marginalized communities in the metro Denver area.

Kim Easton, the NSCD's president and chief executive officer, said that the donation is "The largest funding we have received for our K-12 Denver programs, and our plan is to (use the money to) grow access to adaptive outdoor recreation to students attending schools across the Denver metro area."

“The NSCD’s programs align with our mission,” added alumni association member Rich Karlis, who for nine seasons was a placekicker for the Denver Broncos, Minnesota Vikings and Detroit Lions. “There are several hundred former Denver Broncos who have made Denver their home after their NFL retirement and remain committed to supporting our communities through the alumni association.”

In 2022 the NSCD piloted a three-week program with the Denver and Aurora public schools to provide adaptive outdoor access to sports for children in grades K-12, providing adaptive outdoor experiences to some 80 students to help them find new ways to get active and to access the great outdoors.

Sports that are part of the program are NSCDMoves!, obstacle courses, archery, water paddle sports, rock climbing and Nordic or alpine skiing.

The program’s goals, according to Easton, are to:

- Increase access for 150 students in low-income, highly diverse areas;
- Provide 3-5 program days per student;
- Increase skills, independence and self-esteem through adaptive recreation; and
- Provide programs at no cost to the students or school

**About the organizations:** National Sports Center for the Disabled, with headquarters in Winter Park, is a leading provider of adaptive outdoor recreation experiences and is committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and the broader community rethink ability. “Through the power of adaptive innovation, recreation and Colorado’s great outdoors, we are transforming lives, families and communities by creating a world that celebrates each person’s abilities,” Easton said.

The Denver Broncos Alumni Association was formed in 1991 to give former players the opportunity to remain actively involved with the Denver Broncos organization. The members have worked with thousands of young people over the years, using their celebrity status to establish and grow a network of influence that benefits partner organizations, foundations and charitable events.

**Websites:** [nscd.org](https://nscd.org), [denverbronzosalumni.org](https://denverbronzosalumni.org)

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