



Sun Valley Adaptive Sports

We change lives and make people smile!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- Nationally recognized by the Pentagon, military hospitals, VAs, and military care units as a leading adaptive sports organization serving wounded warriors with traumatic brain injuries (TBI), blindness, visual impairment, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other severe disabilities.
- Responsible for getting care units from each branch of the military to add sports and recreation as part of every wounded warrior's long-term recovery plan. This will benefit the long-term recovery and care of tens of thousands of warriors.
- SVAS hosts more weeklong, small group therapeutic sport camps for wounded warriors than any other adaptive sports organization in the nation. We will serve 100 wounded warriors plus their significant others this year. In FY 2009, we will host seven therapeutic sport camps, and in FY 2010, we will host eight. We also host customized Dreams Come True sport camps for just one warrior and his/her significant other.
- SVAS has been working with Brigham Young University to develop and implement research—through SVAS programming—to measure the efficacy of sports and recreation on the long-term warrior care as it relates to work, school, family, community, health, stress, and mental illness. We hope to further this work by including the Mayfield Clinic, Disabled Sports USA, and Bethesda Naval Medical Center. We plan to share the results with military centers, universities, and sports organizations around the country.
- As far as we know, SVAS is the only adaptive sports organization in the nation that has a long-term follow up care plan for every warrior attending therapeutic sport camps like ours. We conduct pre-assessment evaluations, event based objective tracking, post-event evaluations, reintegration follow up, and long-term post-event follow up. Our hometown, follow-up care plan lasts three years.
- Over the last five years, programming has tripled and fundraising is up ten-fold. Our FY 2009 fundraising goal is \$1.75 million. Every year, our income exceeds budgeted expenses, yielding a positive net income. Our five-year average for functional area expenses have been: Programs (80%), Administration (10%), and Fundraising (10%). SVAS complies with the Better Business Bureau's best practices standards for charities.
- SVAS helped spearhead a strategic planning session for the entire adaptive sports industry (1 of only 3 DSUSA chapter representatives invited out of 100).
- SVAS is helping jumpstart three other adaptive sports organizations, including one in Boise that will be run by Idaho wounded warriors.
- The Explore division of the Annenberg Foundation will be releasing a documentary on SVAS and our fly fishing camp for wounded warriors. The editor from Warren Miller films will be making a film about SVAS and our work with warriors with TBI and PTSD. Erik Weihenmayer, a famous blind mountaineer, is releasing a film about blind skiing that was shot in Sun Valley during a SVAS snowsports camp for blind warriors. Associated Press and American Legion magazine are both interested in writing feature stories on SVAS this year. There is a chance a television star (secret!) will do a documentary on one of our camps.

