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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

As I prepare to step down and welcome BORP's next Executive Director, there is no better way to begin this newsletter and annual report than by saying "thank you." Thanks to all of you in our extended community for helping us to create opportunities that change lives. In this report, you'll get a glimpse of how our commitment to promoting fitness and a healthy lifestyle has benefitted so many youth and adults throughout our 35 year history.



Our strong community and diversified support reflects both the continued importance of the BORP mission and the health of the

organization. As we mark this milestone, we take pride in celebrating our many accomplishments, as well as looking forward with excitement to the future.

It has been such a privilege to serve as Executive Director during this time. I'm very proud of what we have accomplished together – participants, volunteers, board, staff, and donors – and I am confident that the organization is solidly positioned to make an even greater impact as BORP enters the next generation.

Thank You, Kaia Burkett, Executive Director

Team USA Wins 2011 Power Soccer World Cup!

Did you know ...

- BORP had the first power soccer program in the USA (1988)
- Power Soccer is called Powerchair Football in most of the world ("Footfateuil" in French)
- 6.2 mph (10 kph) is the top wheelchair speed permitted in Power Soccer
- Team USA defeated France to win the 2007 World Cup
- Team USA defeated England to win the 2011 World Cup
- BORP players on Team USA have included: Jessica Lehman (2007) and Kendra Scalia-Carrow (2011)
- BORP's Head Coach, Chris Finn, was Head Coach of the World Cup Champion 2007 and 2011 USA Teams
- Team USA Power Soccer is the first USA national soccer team to win backto-back World Cups
- Ten countries participated in the 2011 World Cup, USA, France, Belgium, Japan, England, Portugal, Canada, Switzerland, Ireland, Australia



Kendra has played for BORP for five years and is part of the Team USA delegation that headed off to Paris this November to win the Power Chair Football (Power Soccer) World Cup! Kendra proved early on that she would be a force in the Cup as she scored the first goal of the tournament for Team USA. She was the second leading scorer overall for the team with six goals.

She was introduced to the game by a good friend who was playing power soccer with BORP. "He invited me to Opening Day in 2006. Within minutes of playing, I was hooked and soon BORP became my second family." She recalls that "playing sports was the farthest thing from my mind. At first I was really scared, but I hit that ball, and then I got hit, and hit somebody else, and I thought that's pretty cool! I never imagined myself as an athlete, but today thanks to BORP, that's the way I identify myself."

Kendra's favorite power soccer memory was winning the 2009 Western Regional Tournament. "Our team played the San Jose Steamrollers in the final game. We hadn't won a game against them the entire season, but we came out strong and victorious! Our team worked well together and felt so bonded after realizing our common goal."

In addition to being on the Earthquakes Power Soccer team, she is Head Coach of the BORP Bombers team. When not playing Soccer, Kendra works for the City of Oakland as a Program Analyst in the city's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Programs Division.

"I have many hobbies outside of BORP, but none as deeply loved as power soccer!"



Power Soccer Player—The Next Generation

Milo has benefited so much from being part of BORP's Power Soccer program. He's learned about being an independent person, speaking up for himself, and becoming an engaged athlete. He's also had the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with adults with disabilities, who have both encouraged and challenged him in a positive way and serve as great role models and mentors. He has made friends with a whole posse of kids who play Power Soccer and the whole experience has become an important part of our family's life. –Rebecca Saulsbury, Milo's Mom

Milo Balcziunas is one of BORP's youngest power soccer players and his mom's words capture how his participation has benefitted him. And, Milo adds, emphatically, "I just love Power Soccer."

A fifth grader at Malcolm X Elementary School in Berkeley, Milo first learned about BORP and Power Soccer when Coach Jonathan Newman led a Power Soccer Clinic at the Bay Area Muscular Dystrophy Association's Camp in Occidental in the summer of 2009. Milo tried it at camp and enjoyed it enough to attend BORP's Opening Day the next fall. That experience convinced him to join the team, The Crushers, and he is now in his second season. Milo recalls his favorite moment as "scoring my first goal because I was proud of myself."

Even in the fifth grade, Milo is fairly certain that one of his future goals is to "get better and better at Power Soccer". Coach Jonathan Newman is certain that with "his infectious enthusiasm and team spirit, he will continue to be a winner and a future BORP athlete to watch!"



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> Maryjane & Tor Grøtting, above

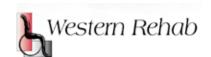
and our Clay Mankin Award winner

Brian Jensen, left



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Board Member Spotlight Sam Marks

We welcome Sam Marks as a new member to our Board of Directors. Sam also holds the distinction of "growing up with BORP." He recalls that when he was in the first grade, "BORP's Youth Coordinator Trooper Johnson, (who was then with the Valley Medical Foundation), came to my school for a wheelchair basketball assembly, and I was hooked because I'd never seen a wheelchair used in that way. I knew right away it was something I wanted to try!!" That was over 20 years ago, and Sam has been involved ever since. Sam graduated from U.C. Santa Barbara, lives in Oakland, and works in

San Francisco for the law firm of Schneider Wallace Cottrell Brayton Konecky, LLP.

Sam attributes much of his motivation and self esteem to his involvement in BORP's programs and its sense of community. He "appreciates that other athletes, coaches, and volunteers always push me to do my best."

In addition to his Board service, which he feels "provides the Board with a perspective of someone who experiences BORP from the inside as a participant and volunteer," Sam continues to serve as an assistant youth basketball coach and plays on the adult team. "I have also enjoyed riding in the annual benefit, The Revolution, for the past four years." Sam's family are also long time volunteers and supporters. Their most recent contribution was to host a house party at their San Rafael home raising over \$3,000 for BORP programs.

In Sam's free time he enjoys his plot at a local community garden and taking in performances by AXIS Dance which is a disabled/non disabled dance company.

Sam's mom, Pip Marks, a dedicated BORP supporter sums up Sam's outlook:

"From the ripe young age of about 7 or 8, Sam - a dedicated Monty Python fan, would wheel around singing and whistling their Life of Brian song "Always look on the bright side of life, whistle whistle." This has been his theme song for 20 years no matter how tough may have got for him: seems to have worked!!!"

BORP Supporters Put the FUN in Fundraising!

BORP's generous donors and volunteers have come up with some very creative ways to raise awareness and support for BORP. *Many thanks to this creative crew.*



Lesher Speaker Series

Thanks to The Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation for selecting BORP as the nonprofit partner for their Newsmaker Speaker Series and hosting a special donor reception. The evening featured Paul Tagliabue, former Commissioner of the NFL.

Thanks also to the foundation for their grant support since 2002 for Contra Costa youth.

Roaring 20's Casino Night

Thanks to Evan Stone, Drew & Heather Bennett for hosting *Putting on the Ritz: A 1920's Casino Night Charity Bash* benefiting BORP and cancer research.

Marks Family House Party

Thanks to the Marks Family for opening up their lovely home this spring to host a fundraising House Party benefiting BORP.



Scavenger Crawl

Thanks to BORP All Stars Coach Tony Lai for coordinating a BORP benefit with the non-profit Scavenger Crawl. On November 6th BORPies raced through San Francisco on a philanthropic scavenger hunt.



On behalf of the Board, staff, and especially our participants, BORP appreciates the generosity of all of our generous donors. In addition to our many individual donors who help to support our programs, we would like to acknowledge the following public and private funding partners for their important support.

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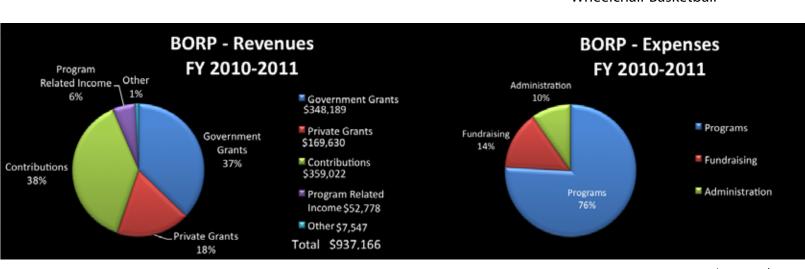
For the fiscal year 2010/2011, BORP served 1,183 children, youth, and adults with disabilities. Participants range in age from children as young as 5 to seniors in their 80's and 90's. The ethnic breakdown of our participants is 41% Caucasian, 22% African American, 25% Hispanic/Latino, 8% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 4% percent other ethnicities. Over 55% of our adults and over 75% of our youth participants are from low-income families.

BORP Programs in 2010/2011

- Adaptive Cycling
- Adventures & Outings
- Fitness Classes
- Goalball

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