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I go to practice and I feel like I'm with people who are like me, and it's my home. Everyone at power soccer is my family."

Power Soccer player, April Cookston



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Celebrating 40 Years of BORP

Welcome to BORP's first proper Annual Report. Though it primarily covers the past 12 months, it has been 40 years in the making. In putting this report together, we were continually reminded of what makes BORP so special. So many smiling faces, so many life-affirming stories, so much of the best of humanity at a time when this can feel in short supply.

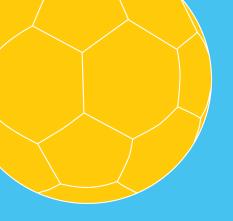
Amid these pages you'll find the usual things: how we are doing financially (great); what our programs achieve (a lot); and who has helped us along the way (so many). We also included a little about where we have been and where we are headed. So, in that way, it is also a bit of a call to action to remember, sustain and be inspired by the best of who we are.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to once again thank the people who are the real heartbeat of BORP: our dedicated staff, volunteers, funders, partners, parents, friends, and participants. If this report does nothing else, if it underscores and celebrates the contributions and successes of these people, it will have served a vital purpose. We hope you enjoy it. Go BORP!



John Ormsby, BORP Board President





I want to thank you for all that you have done for our family. As we embark on Jake's 4th year of playing Power Soccer at BORP it's hard to imagine who he used to be. He is a different person now. He is so confident and proud. He is an athlete first and a person with a disability second. As an athlete, he has been able to set goals and accomplish them. He has been able to travel to competitions, thanks in part to scholarships that he has received from BORP. Having a child with a disability puts a financial strain on families like ours, and without BORP some of the great memories made for Jake would have been impossible. So THANK YOU!"

> Danielle Bath. mother of youth player, Jake Bath

BORP Power!

BORP changes lives through the power of sports and recreation. From the moment a person rolls onto the court to play ball, rides a hand cycle for the first time, or embarks on a group trip to explore parts of the California coast that previously felt inaccessible, they discover a world of new possibilities.

At BORP, people with physical disabilities and visual impairments engage in sports and recreation at all levels, from competitive team sports to recreational activities and outings. Through BORP, athletes and participants gain confidence, independence, and self-esteem. They learn new skills, such as improved wheelchair control, how to navigate transit systems, and how to set goals and work to achieve them—skills that carry over into in all aspects of life.

The benefits of BORP, however, are not limited to participants. Families, friends, and volunteers also thrive in BORP's supportive and caring community and by programs and outcomes that challenge their assumptions about disability, while their bond with their loved one is strengthened through sport.

Perhaps most important of all, participants and their families find a home at BORP where they are accepted, encouraged and empowered, building self-confidence and friendships that will last a lifetime. That's the power of BORP.





BORP, and particularly the wheelchair basketball program under the direction of Coach Trooper Johnson, has dramatically changed my son's life trajectory."

Zimra Vigoda, mother of youth player, Amit Vigoda

From BORP participant surveys

93% of youth participants report of all participants report increased increased confidence and self-esteem 80% social connections and supportive relationships

of youth participants report improved decision-making and goal setting of all participants report increased ability to lead an active lifestyle

of youth participants report increased leadership skills of all participants report increased strength, fitness, or mobility

Youth Sports

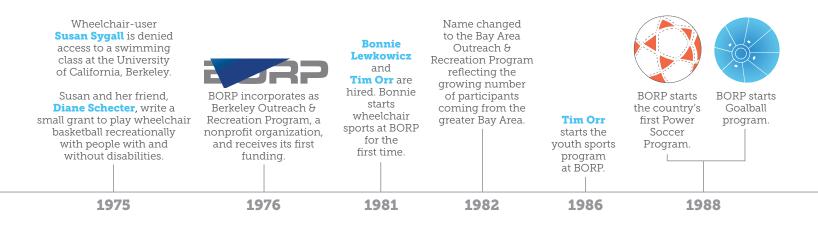


James Bohnett, Athlete

James Bohnett's journey to BORP was a long one. Born a double, below the knee amputee and left at an orphanage in Ethiopia, James was adopted by Carla & Loren Bohnett of Santa Clara. At a young age, the Bohnett's recognized their son's love of sports and signed him up to play wheelchair basketball at BORP. Here James connected for the first time with a large group of other kids with disabilities. As he advanced from the Prep team to Varsity, his teammates and the players he met at tournaments around the country became some of his closest friends.

James developed into an incredible athlete and leader. By his final season with BORP, he was one of the top junior wheelchair basketball players in the country and one of the top allaround high school athletes in the Bay Area. His drive and passion, both on the court and off, earned him a 5-year scholarship at the University of Missouri, where he is currently playing. James credits his success to the high expectations set by BORP Coach Trooper Johnson and to the community that supported him for so many years saying, "BORP is a family for me. One of the best families ever."

40 Years in Motion









Sled Hockey

BORP created the only ongoing Sled Hockey Program in Northern California, bringing this fast paced, physical sport to kids as young as five who have disabilities. One of the BORP Sharks, Garnett Silver-Hall, was recently invited to participate in the USA Hockey Development Program for Sled Hockey, a program used to identify potential future Paralympic athletes.

Power Soccer

Youth who join BORP's Power Soccer Program play alongside adults, giving them access to competitive sport and to teammates and coaches who also use power chairs. Adults players become role models to the kids, passing along not only skills related to the game, but life lessons that come from personal experience with a disability.

Wheelchair Basketball

From a drop-in recreational program to the varsity team (the Jr. Road Warriors), BORP's youth wheelchair basketball program provides kids with physical disabilities the opportunity to play and compete at the highest level possible. But the lasting impact of the program can be found in the friendships solidified, the sportsmanship forged, and the self-confidence gained.



Traveling Builds Skills and Confidence

BORP is committed to providing its youth participants with the same sports experience as their able-bodied peers. But with only four wheelchair basketball teams in California and 51 varsity-level teams in the US, athletes must travel to tournaments in order to compete. On these trips, student athletes learn how to take care of themselves while traveling, an important lifelong skill that fosters self-confidence while challenging athletes to push through their perceived boundaries related to independence. And, in turn, families and caregivers witness these breakthroughs and raise their expectations about what kids with disabilities can do.



BORP Coach Trooper Johnson makes his first Paralympic team in Barcelona.



BORP begins offering group adaptive cycling rides.



First Revolution Ride and Festival benefiting BORP programs



Youth Basketball National Champions



BORP opens the Adaptive Cycling Center.



BORP Coach Chris Finn leads the US National Power Soccer Team to a World Cup Championship.

1992

2001

2003

2004

2005

2007



Chris Finn, Coach

Chris Finn's modesty and quickness to laugh are disarming from a man with so many impressive accomplishments. In addition to being a successful author and advocate for people with disabilities, Chris has coached the US National Power Soccer Team to two World Cup wins and the under-18 National Team to a world championship, after also being an all-star player himself.

Chris' approach to coaching is simple: High expectations lead to high performance, both on and off the court. It's a life-changing formula for many BORP athletes. Danielle Bath, the mother of one Power Soccer player says, "Chris does an amazing job of finding something that a person struggles with and pushing them to try new things. He has taught Jake that even with limitations anything is possible."

Chris sees the impact of power soccer on his players' independence, skills, and athleticism, but knows that it's also about so much more than that: "Power Soccer not only helps you become an athlete, but it helps you build a community, helps you build friendships, helps you build your own character, and your identity as a person. And that's what makes power soccer great."



Youth Prep Basketball team wins the National Championship.



BORP moves to the Ed Roberts Campus, opens the Fitness Center. renovates and expands the Cycling Center with a \$200,000 grant.



BORP Coach Chris Finn leads the US National Power Soccer Team to a second World Cup Championship.



BORP hosts first annual Valor Games Far West Cycling Competition serving 100 veterans a year.



BORP forms partnerships with UC Berkeley and the Golden State Warriors.



The BORP Crushers are the 2014 MK Battery



2014

Presidents/Founders Cup Champions.

2009 2010 2011 2013







Power Soccer

In 1988, BORP started the first Power Soccer program in the country. In the years since, hundreds of people who use power chairs have discovered a love of the sport, BORP players and coaches have won two world cups and everyone has benefited from a community that feels more like a family.

Goalball

Goalball is an indoor team sport for people with visual impairments. BORP's players, ranging from first-timers to Paralympic medal winners, meet every Wednesday night to play. Practice is punctuated by helpful encouragement, fast-paced play, and lots of laughter that usually extends to dinner at a nearby pizza joint after the gym closes.

Wheelchair Basketball

BORP's wheelchair basketball program provides a competitive environment where everyone and anyone is welcome to get in a basketball chair, push hard and play ball. Through the sport, bonds are formed and strengthened and players gain skills and fitness, while everyone has fun on the court.

BORP did not just provide an opportunity for me to play basketball again, it provided me new friendships and camaraderie with other people with disabilities. We are able to share stories about our disabilities, our barriers, and our accomplishments on and off the court."

Steve Lau, adult BORP participant and volunteer





Partnering with the California Coastal Conservancy, BORP launches The Disability Outdoor Coastal Access Project. BORP acquires a second accessible bus using a Federal Transit vehicle grant and a Paratransit Gap Grant from Alameda County Transportation Commission



BORP Sled Hockey team affiliates with the San José Sharks



BORP celebrates its 40th Anniversary Access
Northern
California
decides to
become part
of BORP
to complement
the Adventures
& Outings
Program

Looking ahead



BORP will launch
a campaign to develop
resources to create a gym
facility dedicated to adaptive
sports & recreation

As part of a national coalition, BORP works to enable high school youth with disabilities to participate in school sports

2015

2016

Goals for 2017 and beyond.

Adventures & Outings



Lori Gray, Adventures & Outings Program Coordinator

From a young age, Lori Gray has been advocating for better access to outdoor spaces for herself and for everyone with a disability. At BORP, her leadership in advocacy and love of adventure dovetail in the Adventures and Outings Program. Through organizing and managing group trips for people with physical disabilities and visual impairments, Lori passes on her experience in managing access issues and her passion for exploration to BORP participants.

"When I started working at BORP 17 years ago, we'd have one trip a month, with maybe 4 or 5 people on each trip," she says. But the Adventures and Outings Program has grown over the years and in 2016 Lori organized over 80 trips, serving more than 100 people. Lori's philosophy is, "it's not how far we go, it's about the journey." That journey has turned into a vibrant community of participants who find that the new places they experience, and the people they experience them with, enrich their lives, enliven their senses, and expand their horizons.



If BORP didn't provide transportation to the fabulous destinations we've been to, I would not have the independence and the freedom to explore the world around me."

Cindy Q., BORP participant





Fitness Center



BORP's Fitness Center at the Ed Roberts Campus provides exercise, dance, and yoga classes for people of all abilities. Instructors customize their classes to enable everyone to fully participate. As a result, each year more than 200 people benefit from increased mobility, flexibility, fitness, and wellness.



Adaptive Cycling Center

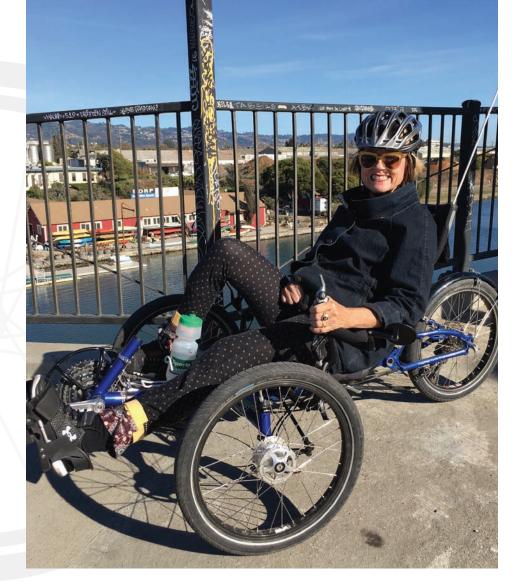


Our connection to BORP cycling has been life-altering for both of us! Nicole and I get to have a great time together and we both get wonderful outdoor exercise. THANK YOU BORP!!!"

> Anna Taque, mother of **BORP** participant Nicole Tague

BORP's Adaptive Cycling Center is one of the largest in the country and is BORP's most popular program. With a fleet of cycles that includes hand cycles, three-wheelers, recumbent cycles, and tandems, just to name a few, the center has enabled thousands of new riders to get on the road.

The center has become a place where participants can train for longer rides—like BORP's Revolution Ride-or simply get out and enjoy riding along the scenic Bay Trail with friends, family members, and other BORP riders. Greg Milano, the cycling center's manager, brings years of experience with adaptive sports and a lifetime of fixing bikes to his work at BORP and is guick to find adjustments that make cycling a possibility for just about anyone. He has a knack for removing obstacles that are keeping people from riding, both through bike modifications and by encouraging participants to push their perceived limits.





Katherine Sherwood often spends her afternoons at BORP's Adaptive Cycling Center, cycling along the Bay Trail. When she first started riding at BORP, Katherine and her partner rode a side-by-side tandem. "I really liked to go fast," she says.

In 1997, after a stroke limited her use of the right side of her body, Katherine learned to paint with her left hand. Just three years later her art was featured in prestigious exhibitions and her career soared to new heights.

Much like her quick return to art, Katherine graduated to an inline tandem bike in no time. As she spent more time riding, she got stronger, more independent and faster, all while spending time with her partner doing something they both loved and growing her community. "Everyone at the cycling center is exceedingly kind and helpful. They've become my BORP family."

Katherine still rides at BORP with her partner, but her bike of choice is a single-seated recumbent called the ICE Bike. "They call it the sports car of bikes," she says with a smile.



Programs for Veterans

BORP serves over 100 Veterans each year through partnerships with the San Francisco and Palo Alto VA's and at The Valor Games and other events. The Valor Games is an annual fourday multi-sport competition organized by Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association and hosted by the US Coast Guard. BORP organizes the cycling competition every year, providing veteran athletes with the training and equipment needed to race for gold.





The Revolution Ride and Festival is BORP's largest fundraising event each year. In 2016, more than 350 people of all ages and abilities raised over \$200,000 in support of BORP's programs. On the day of the REV, they come together to celebrate the achievement by riding through miles of Sonoma's farms and vineyards, laughing with friends and family, getting post-ride massages, and enjoying wine and a gourmet lunch in the gardens of Trentadue Winery. The event brings the entire BORP community together and is a powerful reminder of why BORP does the work it does: simply because of the smiles it puts on so many faces.

I was riding along with a guy and we were talking and feeling the air on our faces. I was pedaling with my feet and he was pedaling with hands, but that didn't matter. We were cycling together."

Hilary Goldman, longtime BORP supporter and REV rider

On Revolution Day I feel like I'm a 5-year-old kid and it's Christmas morning."

Beth Smith, BORP Participant and REV rider



Our company supports BORP because of its powerful impact on the lives of its participants.
BORP really makes a difference for people with disabilities."

Ken Lewis, Waste Management Revolution sponsor





Behind the Scenes

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Sports & Recreation for Everyone!

As these pages suggest, over the last 40 years BORP has developed an incredible menu of sports and recreation opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities. Beyond the programming, BORP has become home to an amazing community of people who come together to play, compete, and enjoy themselves; and who find that, as a result, they have not only new skills and independence, but also a second family filled with lifelong friends. This is the magic of BORP!

At the heart of this robust community is a team of extremely dedicated staff members and volunteers who, day in and day out, give their best to make BORP an extraordinary place. Everyone on the BORP team is committed to our motto that sports and recreation are for everyone, and BORP would not be what it is today if not for their expertise and passion for making that a reality. Together, we are looking forward to making progress on a vision that includes two central themes: a gym of our own and extending BORP's reach and magic to every person in the Bay Area with a physical disability or vision impairment.

Rick Smith, Executive Director

BORP provides what we promise people in our society with the Constitution and Bill of Rights: equality of opportunity, life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

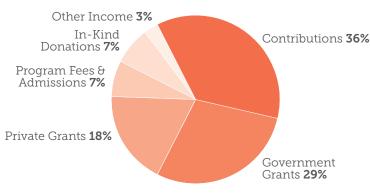
Jonathan Newman, Adult Sports Program Coordinator

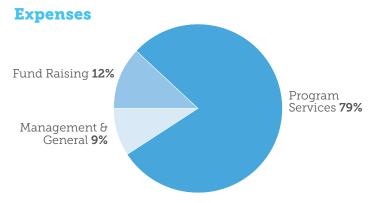


Financial Position

With the help of generous donors, partners, and volunteers, we are able to provide the program success, governance, and leadership needed to change lives through sports and recreation.

Support & Revenue





Support and Revenue

Contributions	\$387,633
Government Grants	\$316,355
Private Grants	\$200,264
Program Fees & Admissions	\$78,905
In-Kind Donations	\$79,417
Other Income	\$32,216

Total Support and Revenue \$1,094,790

Note: Other income includes reimbursed expenses, sales and interest.

Expenses

Program Services	\$783,758
Management & General	\$94,170
Fund Raising	\$116,473

Total Expenses \$994,401

Net Assets

Change in net assets	\$100,389
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$447,403
Net Assets, end of year	\$547,792

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Thank you!

Everything BORP has in the future is the result of thousands of people making generous contributions in pledge to continue this work and look forward to the many friends. volunteers, and donors who will continue to make our programs possible. accepted and appreciated at www.borp.org/donate.

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Every Saturday, these kids push into a gym where they are among their second family that doesn't pity or make excuses, doesn't bully or tease; in those hours they play their hearts out and solidify their ties.

Loren and Carla Bohnett, parents of youth player James Bohnett

Words cannot articulate my gratitude for Adventures & Outings. The bond and spiritual connection that we participants feel toward each other and the world is a treasure trove of experience.

Aydan Asoy, "ardent adventurist"

My client lives with and struggles with Autism, CP, and a slew of physical and balance problems. BORP has changed his life tremendously; he talks about it every day, and has told me that it makes him feel fit, involved, cool, and very independent.

Social service professional