

# 2022

# Annual REPORT



# Welcome

On behalf of NWSRA and SLSF we would like to thank you for your generous support in 2022. Without the collective unwavering support of our volunteers, participants, families and donors; along with the hard work of our staff, member districts and the boards, the success that both organizations saw would not have been possible.

The NWSRA and SLSF teams in 2022 remained laser-focused on ensuring that everyone in our communities, no matter ability, had access to outstanding recreational programming. Coming out of COVID it was more important than ever that we saw participants and clients back at programs, working towards goals with our staff of Certified Therapeutic Recreation Professionals (CTRS). With NWSRA serving such a vast geographic footprint made up of so many great communities, the organization made great strides working towards a regional approach to programming. At the end of 2022, NWSRA unveiled six regions creating hearts in each of the communities it serves. The continued development to a regional approach to programming will play a large part in mitigating the transportation barrier that impacts our families.

On the SLSF side, the team has been hard at work building strong relationships with community organizations, local businesses and donors by being an integral part of the communities. It is hard to go to a community event, or be part of an organization and not see a member of the SLSF team there. In fact, the organization attended over 90 networking events and are actively involved in 20 civic organizations. This networking plays a huge part in allowing NWSRA to keep dreaming. It allows for scholarships so that an individual's financial means are not a barrier to accessing programs, it allows for NWSRA athletes to compete in tournaments, it allows for the purchase of equipment to provide enhanced recreational experiences that our community deserves and so much more. Without the commitment and dedication that the SLSF team had in 2022, NWSRA would not have had the ability to offer and accomplish all that it did.

No matter what your involvement was in NWSRA or SLSF, you played a role in the organization's success in 2022. Whether you participated in a program yourself, registered your child for a program, attended a golf outing, made a donation or worked for us in any capacity - you were part of making a difference in the lives of those we serve.



**Tracey Crawford, CPRP, CTRS**  
NWSRA Executive Director,  
SLSF President



**Christina Ferraro**  
NWSRA Chair



**Al Crook**  
SLSF Chair



“ Thank you for all that you guys do! You all make a positive difference and we, as parents, are grateful!”

**NWSRA Parent**

## Introduction

2022 was a year of great accomplishments for NWSRA. With the return of overnight trips, programming out of the agency's fourth sensory room at the Wheeling Park District, the grand opening of the agency's sixth programming space at the Hoffman Estates Park District's Vogelei House, and welcomed 111 new families within its member park districts to NWSRA programs. As you read on in this report you will see that NWSRA didn't just stop there.

These accomplishments were only made possible by the collective efforts of all of you, including staff, participants, families, member districts and the board. Thank you for your support, believing in our mission and vision, and for making an impact on the lives of those we serve.

## About Us

NWSRA is the largest provider of therapeutic recreation services for children and adults with disabilities in the state of Illinois. As an extension of 17 park districts throughout the northwest suburbs, NWSRA offers public access, year round recreational programming to over 6,000 individuals with disabilities in its service area. The Special Recreation Association (SRA) model is unique to the state of Illinois and leads the nation in inclusion and accessibility for residents with disabilities.

**MISSION:** We exist to provide outstanding opportunities through recreation for children and adults with disabilities.

**VISION:** To be a leading force, creating greater options that enrich the life experiences of the participants, families and communities we serve.

**CORE VALUES:** Teamwork • Respect • Enthusiasm • Collaboration • Communication • Diversity

## NWSRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Comprehensive Strategic Plan

## 2022 - 2024

In 2022, NWSRA began its 2022-2024 Comprehensive Strategic Plan. From this plan, strategic goals were derived, then yearly goals were created. These goals keep the agency on a trajectory of success determined by the staff, board, and stakeholders to best serve our constituents.

In 2022, NWSRA pulled Census data on each of the communities it serves. This data includes information on population, ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veteran groups and more. Moving into 2023, staff are working to compile this information into streamlined reports to help NWSRA better communicate and market to those we serve.

Through focus groups with stakeholders during our strategic planning process, it was also determined that a regional approach to programming was necessary. NWSRA in 2022 began this process by breaking its large 17-member district footprint into six regions, with its programming spaces serving as the Hearts of the Communities. Moving into 2023 the organization will continue to lay the framework for a regional approach to programming.

In 2022, the agency's Diversity and Equity Task Force was hard at work on several goals, including developing a new core value for diversity, a DEI statement, along with a number of other goals. At NWSRA's May Board Meeting the board approved the new value and statement.

The agency also aimed to increase awareness of the field of Therapeutic Recreation and the benefits of Recreation Therapy. It did so by highlighting participant success stories in the NWSRA Now Newsletters by sharing field work that our staff have been involved with. NWSRA will work to continue to drive awareness of the field and connect with individuals who can truly benefit from it.

NWSRA strives to provide the best opportunities for children and adults with disabilities living in our footprint. Continuing to work towards these goals keeps the agency on a successful path to do just that.



To view the 2022-2024 Comprehensive Strategic Plan, visit [www.nwsra.org/strategicplan](http://www.nwsra.org/strategicplan)



Our family loves that our son continues to benefit from those wonderful spaces that have brought so many good things to our family. We cannot afford the full cost of programs but NWSRA advocates for my son to benefit from financial aid. Thank you for your excellent work!"

# Programming

## DAY CAMP

In 2022, NWSRA Day Camps in Spring, Summer and Winter saw a dramatic increase in registrations from 2021. NWSRA ran 3 Spring Break, 3 Winter Break and 13 Summer Day Camps for over 210 campers with 412 registrations. All Day Camps focus on exploring recreation, developing and enhancing motor skills and increasing peer interactions. Campers develop lifelong skills by following directions, taking turns and experiencing social interactions through sensory, motor, cultural and nature based activities. Having access to member-district aquatic centers is a crucial part of day camps, as water activities are among the favorite of campers. The NWSRA camp experience allows campers to travel and explore a different community each week, allowing for a diverse recreational experience. NWSRA looks forward to an exceptional year with day camps in 2023.



# Programming

## OVERNIGHT TRIPS

In 2022, for the first time since the pandemic, NWSRA was able to offer overnight trips - one to Wisconsin Dells and one to Lake Geneva. On the Wisconsin Dells trip, there were many first-time travelers who had the opportunity to experience a weekend of independence. The weekend was filled with water parks, a visit to Alligator Alley, Deer Park, lunches and dinners out, mini golf and of course some night life. Katie, a 35-year-old from Rolling Meadows, was a traveler and her parents emailed after the trip stating: "We just wanted to say that Katie had a great time at the Dells with all the activities. We were impressed by NWSRA's business-like manner and the staff's organizational skills. Katie will be participating in all future overnight outings. Thanks again."

That same weekend, 5 participants with physical and visual disabilities were thrilled to travel to Lake Geneva. They were excited to "get away" from their parents and have the opportunity to enjoy a friends weekend. On this trip, they enjoyed a variety of experiences, including a local brewery, boat tour, Milwaukee Brewers game and shopping.

## SOCIAL CLUBS

Recreation is not only about enhancing your physical health, but also your mental and emotional well-being. NWSRA offers Social Clubs on Friday nights that do just that. In 2022, NWSRA saw 871 registrations among 5 different social clubs with 16 offerings each. All of these programs are planned and implemented by full-time staff. This past year participants enjoyed line dancing, mini golf, a casino night, paint and sip, baseball games, bowling, baking competitions and going to the movies. Transportation is offered for all social clubs, and for most of the participants, that is the only way they would be able to get out on a Friday night. These nights with friends are crucial social interactions that increase happiness, self-confidence, independence and create lasting relationships with their peers. These interactions take place in a non-judgmental and accepting environment, allowing participants to be their true authentic selves.



I'm extremely impressed with the abilities of the instructors to engage my son in activities. They are all great at getting him motivated."

**NWSRA Parent**

# *New Programming Space*



## **NWSRA PROGRAMMING SPACE**

### **Vogelei House - Hoffman Estates**

NWSRA is excited and proud to announce the completion of its sixth programming space at the Hoffman Estates Park District's Vogelei House. Transforming this 1900's three-story farm house into a fully accessible programming space was no small endeavor. To ensure the accessibility and safety of all those who will call this space home, the floor plan was opened, an elevator was added and a towering two-story accessible ramp was constructed.

NWSRA will utilize this space for a number of program offerings including walking clubs, Saturday programs, special events, book clubs, afternoon enrichment and more. In addition to the Vogelei House acting as a programming space for the Hoffman Estates region, it will also be home to the Hoffman Estates PURSUIT Community Adult Day Program.



# Professional Development

## CERTIFICATIONS

In order to remain a leader toward the provision of outstanding recreational programs and services, NWSRA staff demonstrate their commitment to professional certification and accreditation. Congratulations to the following newly Certified staff:

### Certified Inclusion Assessor (CIA)

Andi Marfilius

### Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)

Lacey Allen

Sean Skala

Samantha Tabert

### Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP)

Lauren Jevaney

### Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP)

Logan Drill

Rebecca Lizalde

Jessica Tanski

### Certified Drivers License (CDL)

Brianna Assad

### CPI Instructor Certification

Janae Winston

### CPR & First Aid Instructor Certification

Josh Ruston

### Generation One SibShops Facilitator

Alexis Brandlin

Sean Skala

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

NWSRA is proud to be recognized on local, state and national levels for its commitment to outstanding recreational programming. Congratulations to the following staff:

### ATRA: President

Tracey Crawford

### IPRA ITRS: At Large Representative

Victoria Gonzalez

### IPRA ITRS: Inclusion Committee Chair

Jordan Ross

### IPRA ITRS: New Professional Chair

Danielle Olson

### IPRA ITRS: Section Director

Lauren Jevaney

### Palatine Jaycees: President Elect

Megan O'Brien

### Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates: President Elect

Rachel Hubsch

### Therapeutic Recreation Summit Board of Regents: Co-Chair

Janae Winston

### Woman In Leisure Services, Chi Chapter: National Delegate

Andrea Griffin and Rachel Hubsch

### American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration: President Elect

Tracey Crawford

### Illinois Jaycees: Presidential Medallion

Megan O'Brien

### JCI USA: Presidential Medal of Excellence

Megan O'Brien

### Palatine Jaycees: Swimming in Rough Waters Award

Megan O'Brien

### Rotary Club of Palatine: Outstanding Member

Liz Thomas

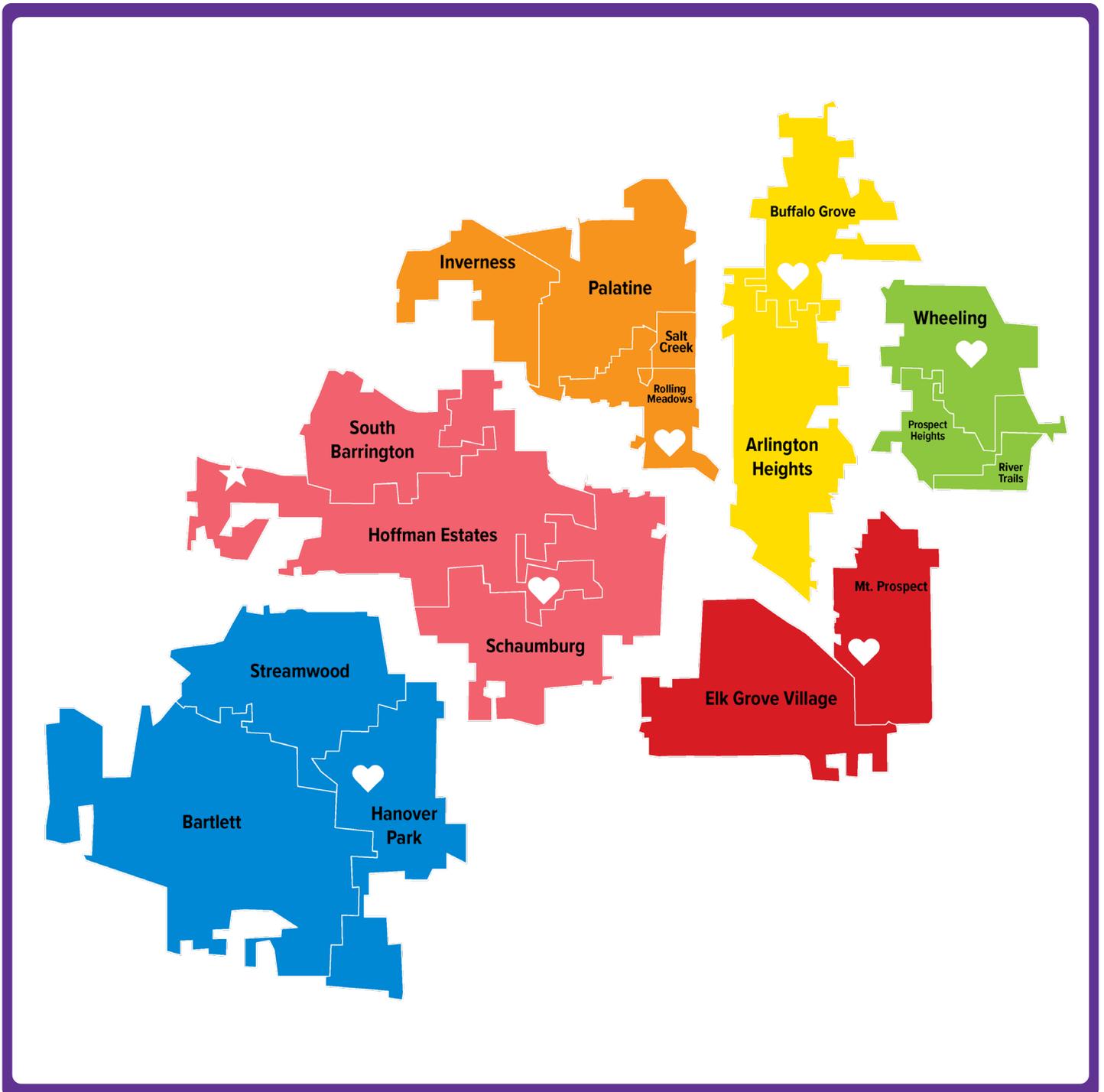


NWSRA has been such a wonderful part of my life for many years. It is more than just a job for me. I absolutely loved working as an Inclusion Aide as it gives me countless experiences and opportunities. It allows me to live out my passion and do what I love... working with individuals with exceptionalities."

- NWSRA Part-time Staff

# Regional Approach

To better accommodate NWSRA's vast 17-member district footprint, it was determined through strategic planning focus groups that a regional approach to programming is necessary to reduce transportation barriers and allow for participant and families to recreate in their local communities. In 2022, NWSRA announced the first stage in its regional approach to programming by unveiling the 6 regions that will make up its footprint. In each of these regions, the NWSRA programming spaces will serve as the hearts of these communities – allowing participants and clients alike to feel at home.



# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

In 2022, the NWSRA Diversity Task Force had the goal of revamping the organization's Diversity Statement and adding a Diversity Value to its core values. As an agency as we have always strived to create an inclusive environment for staff and participants alike – so it was important to us that our statement reflected just that.

NWSRA is proud to formally announce its position with the following statement:

Respect is a core value at Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA). Together, we can continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports, and celebrates the diverse voices of our participants, families, staff, volunteers and stakeholders. Embracing diversity in age, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, ethnicity and perspective; empowers staff to serve unique needs in innovative ways. At NWSRA, we believe that when people feel respected and included, they can be more creative, innovative and successful. We are committed to working with participants, families, staff volunteers and stakeholders to continually learn, share and grow with us.

In addition to the statement, NWSRA added the following core value:

Teamwork: Support each other and work together

Respect: Be open, honest and kind

Enthusiasm: Exceed expectations

Collaboration: Combine resources to achieve common goals

Communication: Listen, share and adapt

**Diversity: Self Evaluate, Educate, Celebrate, Advocate and Represent**



# Financial Highlights

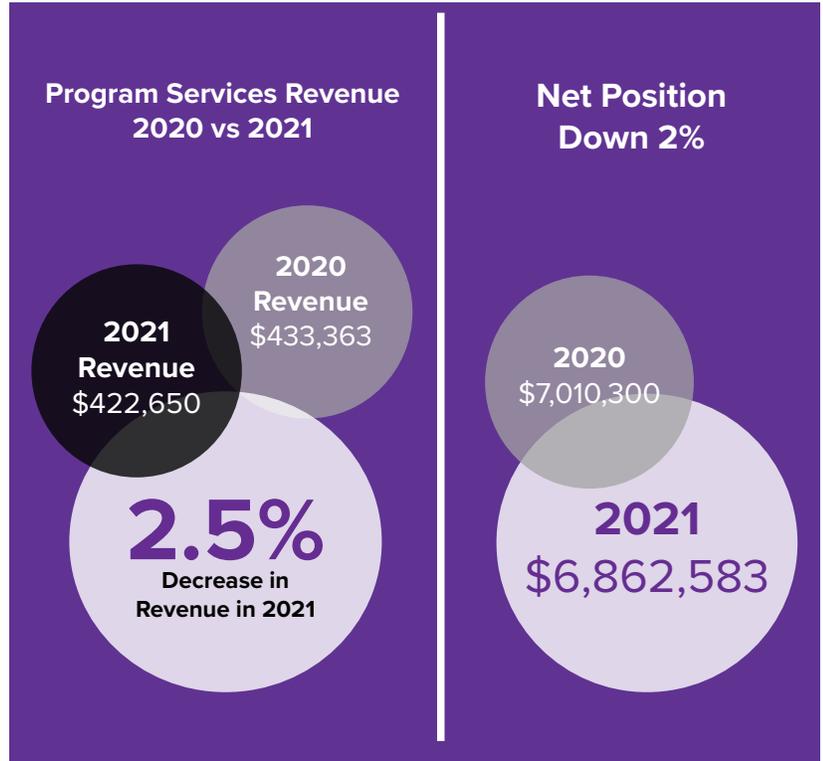
## 2021 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

OPERATING REVENUE	NWSRA
Member Contributions	\$4,320,308.00
Program Services	\$422,650.00
Grants	\$237,474.00
Misc	\$565.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,980,997.00</b>

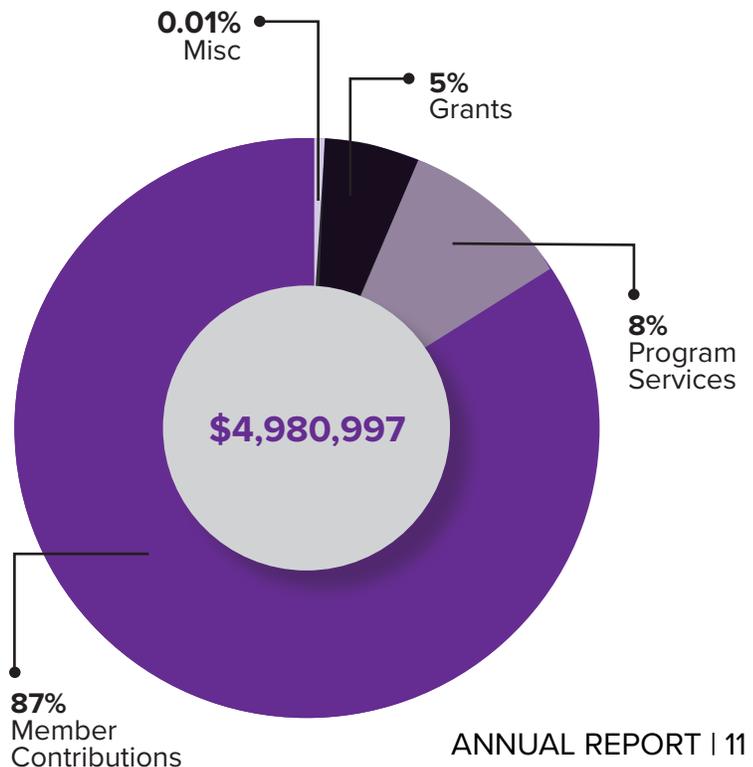
EXPENSES	NWSRA
Programs	\$634,524.00
Unrealized Loss on Investment	\$0.00
Administration	\$3,911,090.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,545,614.00</b>

<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$435,383.00</b>
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ASSETS	NWSRA
Cash	\$4,531,244.00
Investments	\$1,284,183.00
Accounts/Pledges Receivables	\$392,206.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$7,875.00
Capital Assets	\$1,579,379.00
IMRF	\$838,911.00
Liabilities	-\$1,771,215.00
<b>NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$6,862,583.00</b>



## ORGANIZATIONAL REVENUE BY CATEGORY



2022



 **SLSF**  
MAKING AN IMPACT FOR NWSRA

**Special Leisure Services Foundation**

## SLSF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Introduction

Throughout 2022, the SLSF team worked tirelessly to raise the remaining necessary funds to complete the monumental Vogeley House Project, NWSRA's sixth programming space. In addition, the team added a number of new fundraisers including a brand-new golf outing at the Bridges of Poplar Creek along with new virtual fundraising campaigns including Brackets for Abilities and the Fun Pasta Fundraiser, a competition between NWSRA summer camps. These efforts, among others, allowed SLSF to continue to provide countless scholarships, working to prevent financial means being a barrier to recreational programming for our participants.

Without the unwavering support from volunteers, staff, donors, and the board, the success that SLSF was able to see in 2022 would not have been possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting SLSF and in turn making a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

## About Us

Special Leisure Services Foundation (SLSF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, was formed as the fundraising arm of Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), to provide additional funding needed to maintain quality services, help create innovative programs and facilitate future growth.

SLSF works with individual donors, granting organizations, businesses and community organizations collaboratively to ensure the funding necessary is available to open doors of opportunity for individuals with disabilities through NWSRA recreational programs.

**MISSION:** We exist to support children and adults with disabilities through philanthropy for Northwest Special Recreation Association.

**VISION:** Maximizing all philanthropic opportunities to build a future that is diverse and inclusive by opening doors through innovative services and community opportunities.

**CORE VALUES:** Relationships • Integrity • Social Equity • Sustainability

**FUNDING FOCUSES:** Transportation • Programs • Inclusion • Scholarships • Athletics



# Fundraising Efforts

## CELEBRATE ABILITY A HYBRID GALA

As the committee began planning for another successful Gala, the group decided to continue offering a hybrid experience. Your impact by attending, sponsoring and participating in the Gala's events played a huge role in allowing us to continue delivering on our mission.

It's because of your generosity that NWSRA has the ability to dream big and challenge the barriers that stand in the way of providing recreational opportunities to those with disabilities. The funds raised will play a large role in the opening of our Accessible Greenhouse at the Wheeling Park District. We could not be more excited to offer our participants in the region a space in which they can further their environmental education. The event grossed over \$82,000 to ensure individuals with disabilities have continued opportunities to have fun, make friends, go new places and celebrate their lives



The graphic features a black background with red polka dots. At the top is the SLSF logo with the tagline 'MAKING AN IMPACT FOR YOU'. Below the logo, the event title 'Celebrate Ability Gala' is written in a white cursive font, followed by the date 'FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022'. A red banner at the bottom contains the following statistics:

182 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
\$86,400.00 BUDGETED REVENUE
\$82,006.83 ACTUAL REVENUE



The graphic has a purple background. On the left is a framed photo of a woman. To the right, it says 'GOLD MEDAL Fashion SHOW PRESENTS Faces of Inspiration' and 'SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022'. A red banner at the bottom contains the following statistics:

333 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
\$57,450.00 BUDGETED REVENUE
\$48,389.00 ACTUAL REVENUE

## GOLD MEDAL FASHION SHOW A HYBRID FASHION SHOW

The 2022 Gold Medal Fashion Show featured the theme Faces of Inspiration and highlighted 38 amazing models. Through model interviews showcased at this event, models had the opportunity to speak on what inspires them. Thank you for attending, sponsoring, donating and cheering on our models! Please know that because of YOU, SLSF will be able to provide funds to NWSRA to help thousands of children and adults with disabilities in your community to recreate, grow and thrive in NWSRA programs. We are humbled and grateful for your continued support! Thank you for being a part of this amazing fashion show!

# New Fundraising Efforts

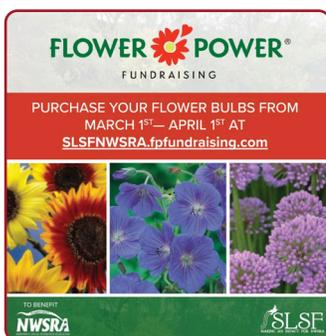
## DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN COMPETITION

SLSF partnered with Double Good to sell gourmet popcorn, with proceeds benefiting SLSF. This year our PURSUIT Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser and competition was a huge success! Popcorn sales reached a total of \$7,101! In first place, raising a total of \$2,558, was PURSUIT Buffalo Grove, who was awarded a celebratory pizza party! Other sites also boasted strong sales including: Mt. Prospect \$1,484, Hoffman Estates \$1,249, Wheeling \$667, Hanover Park \$617 and Rolling Meadows \$526. Thank you to our 126 supporters from 14 different states! We truly appreciate your support!



## ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISERS

- Flower Power
- Wyatt's Dog Company
- Fun Pasta Fundraiser
- SLSF Apparel Store
- Dine & Donate, Moretti's
- Ride for Autism Speaks
- NWSRA Lightning Booster Online Store & Dine to Donate Events



# Golf Outings

## BRIDGES OF POPLAR CREEK GOLF OUTING

48 golfers in attendance  
\$16,425.00 budgeted revenue  
\$10,846.00 actual revenue



The first year of the Bridges of Poplar Creek Golf Outing!

## PALATINE HILLS GOLF CLASSIC

93 golfers in attendance  
\$27,370.00 budgeted revenue  
\$25,010.32 actual revenue



This year the outing brought in many new faces!

## BUFFALO GROVE GOLF CLASSIC

108 golfers in attendance  
\$39,095.00 budgeted revenue  
\$41,502.29 actual revenue



The outing raised the most money this year and the Rotary Club received their largest check from the outing!

## MORETTI'S/NWSRA GOLF CLASSIC

62 golfers in attendance  
\$25,250.00 budgeted revenue  
\$16,755.00 actual revenue



SLSF and Moretti's/AlaCarte were excited to celebrate the 35th anniversary and welcome back many familiar faces!

## WOMEN'S GOLF OUTING

90 golfers in attendance  
\$27,650.00 budgeted revenue  
\$24,040.00 actual revenue



For the 30th Women's Golf Outing, two new caddies attended and helped raise over \$7,550 in the caddy auction!

## ARLINGTON CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

62 golfers in attendance  
\$26,350.00 budgeted revenue  
\$27,771.00 actual revenue



The Duffer was brought back this year and we were excited to honor Colin Gilbert and celebrate the 30th Anniversary!

# Financial Highlights

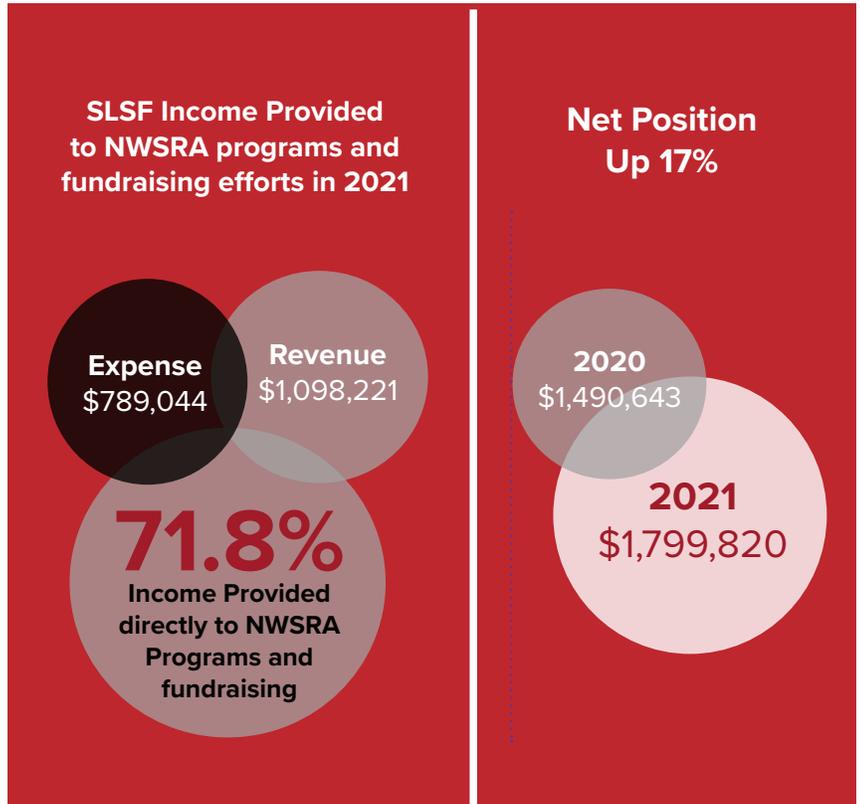
## 2021 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

OPERATING REVENUE	SLSF
Fundraising/Contributions	\$ 793,186.00
Grants	\$ 161,250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 143,785.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,098,221.00</b>

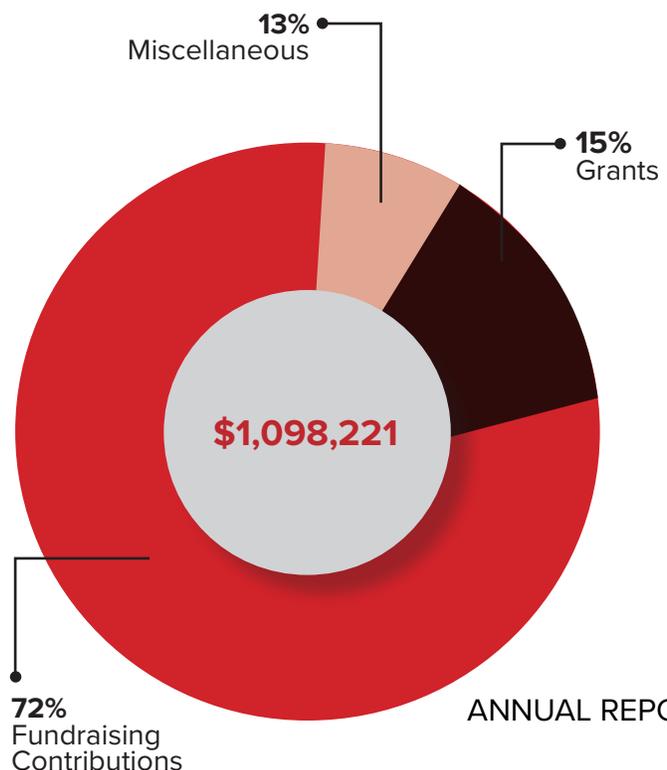
EXPENSES	SLSF
NWSRA Programs	\$672,156.00
Unrealized Loss on Investment	\$0.00
Administration	\$116,887.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$789,043.00</b>

<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$309,178.00</b>
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ASSETS	SLSF
Cash	\$660,306.00
Investments	\$1,114,369.00
Accounts/Pledges Receivables	\$28,456.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$5,060.00
Capital Assets	\$0.00
IMRF	\$0.00
Liabilities	-\$8,371.00
<b>NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$1,799,820.00</b>



## ORGANIZATIONAL REVENUE BY CATEGORY



# SLSF GRATEFULLY THANKS THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR DONATIONS THROUGHOUT 2022

## GRANTORS

Autism Speaks  
Chester County Community Foundation  
Edward & Wanda Jordan Foundation  
Elk Grove Township  
Friends of HE Parks Foundation  
The Mitchell and Lori Hirsh Foundation  
Lori Hirsh  
Mitsubishi Electric Automation Inc.  
Mount Prospect Lions Charities, INC.  
Palatine Jaycees  
Palatine Township  
Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove  
Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village  
Rotary Club of Palatine Foundation  
Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates  
Township of Schaumburg  
The FJK Private Foundation  
Zurich North America

## CIVIC GROUPS

Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Arlington Heights Lions Club  
Arlington Heights Park District  
Bartlett Park District  
Buffalo Grove Park District  
Christain Life Church (Kids Pantry)  
Clearbrook  
Connect to Community, Inc.  
Elk Grove Park District  
Hanover Park Park District  
Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce  
Hoffman Estates Park District  
Inverness Park District  
Knights of Columbus Arlington Heights  
Knights of Columbus Palatine  
Knights of Columbus Schaumburg  
Lend Me Your Ears  
Meals on Wheels  
Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce  
Mount Prospect Jr. Womans Club  
Mt. Prospect Park District  
Northwest Covenant Church  
Palatine Chamber of Commerce  
Palatine Jaycees  
Palatine Park District  
Project Linus  
Prospect Heights Park District  
River Trails Park District  
Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce  
Rolling Meadows Events Foundation  
Rolling Meadows Park District  
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights  
Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove  
Rotary Club of Palatine

Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates  
Salt Creek Park District  
Schaumburg Park District  
Second City Canine Rescue  
South Barrington Park District  
Streamwood Park District  
Township High School District 211  
Township High School District 214  
Village Networking  
Wheeling Park District  
Willow Creek Community Church

## EVENT SPONSORS

Aaron Appell  
Abbington Distinctive Banquets  
Adriane Johnson  
AlaCarte Entertainment  
Allen Gabe Law PC  
Aloha Restoration Co.  
Anthony Vincent Tile, Inc.  
APC Financial Group, LTD.  
Arlington Heights Park District  
Arlington Lakes Golf Club  
Arthur J. Gallagher & Company  
Baird & Warner  
Baldwin Financial Advisors LLC  
Bear Construction Company  
Bear Family Restaurants  
Bellissimo Distribution, LLC Greco and Sons  
Benefax  
Benjamin F. Edwards & Co.  
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BlueSky  
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Brian Properties  
Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club  
Buffalo Grove Bank & Trust  
Buffalo Grove Fire Department  
Buffalo Grove Park District  
Buffalo Grove Police Department  
Campfire Concepts  
Carmen Molinaro  
Carol Blackwood  
Carson Wealth  
CDE Collision Center  
Chiro One Wellness Centers  
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Clearbrook  
Commercial Soap Division of Coker Service, Inc  
Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Co.  
Crank Revolution Bike Shop LLC

Cross Country Mortgage LLC  
Culver's  
Cynthia Kay  
Dakota-K Auto Repair & Tire Center  
Dane Bragg  
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David Speers  
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Deenie Pomilia, ReMax Suburban  
Dennis Hanson  
Diane Morazoni-Marcus  
Diane Maxwell  
Distinctive Home Renovations Inc.  
Dream Vacations  
Drost, Gilbert, Andrew & Apicella LLC  
Drost, Kivlahan,McMahon & O'Connor, LLC  
Economy Disposal Service  
Educational Environments  
Equitable Advisors  
ERG  
Ernie Blomquist  
Excalibur  
F.H. Paschen  
Farmers Insurance  
Federal Supply USA  
Focused Eye Care  
Forbici Salon & Spa  
Fred Hall  
Gap  
Gap Kids  
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.  
Glenn Garlick  
Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.  
Golf Dome at the Buffalo Grove Park District  
Great Clips  
H & R Block  
Hoffman Estates Park District  
Hopkins Grease Co.  
Illuminate Therapy Wellness  
J & J Ventures Gaming LLC  
James Happel  
James Bertucci  
JCPenney's Woodfield  
JMM CPA LLC  
Johanna Bisek  
John Jawor  
Joseph Burlini  
Justin Sienkiewicz  
K Auto Repair  
Kate Breckenridge  
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Kloepfer Insurance Services, Inc.  
Kolbi Pipe Marker Co.  
Kristine Niemann  
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\*Please forgive and bring to our attention any mistakes or omissions. We deeply appreciate all who have helped SLSF provide recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities\*

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- NWSRA Parent

## EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Wed, May 10	Bridges of Poplar Creek Golf Outing
Thurs, Jun 1	Palatine Hills Golf Classic
Wed, Aug 9	Buffalo Grove Golf Classic
Wed, Aug 16	Moretti's/NWSRA Golf Classic
Wed, Aug 30	Women's Golf Outing
Thurs, Sept 14	Arlington Classic Golf Outing
Fri, Nov 3	Celebrate Ability Gala
Wed, Dec 13	Holiday Luncheon

## FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

DATE	CAMPAIGN
July 10 - 31	Fun Pasta Fundraiser
Dec 1 - 5	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

## SLSF APPAREL STORE

DATE	EVENT
April 17 - 23	April SLSF Apparel Store
Dec 6 - 12	December SLSF Apparel Store



### WHAT IS SLSF?

Special Leisure Services Foundation (SLSF), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit foundation, is the fundraising arm of Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA).

### MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to support children and adults with disabilities through philanthropy for Northwest Special Recreation Association.

### VISION STATEMENT

Maximizing all philanthropic opportunities to build a future that is diverse and inclusive by opening doors through innovative services and community opportunities.

### FOUNDATION DOLLARS PROVIDE:

- Transportation
- Programs
- Inclusion
- Scholarships
- Athletics

### GET INVOLVED!

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