



 Kelly Brush
FOUNDATION
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION

To inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to live active and engaged lives.



A LETTER FROM KELLY

Dear Friends,

2019 was a year of exciting growth for the Kelly Brush Foundation. We created a new grant program, we added experienced new employees to our team, we hosted the biggest Kelly Brush Ride to date, and we helped more people with spinal cord injuries than ever before.

In May 2019 I had a very full-circle moment when we hired one of our first grant recipients, Greg Durso, as the Program Director for the KBF. I've known Greg since he came to the 2009 Kelly Brush Ride and he's been part of the crew ever since. He's now our point of contact for our grant recipient community. We also hired Cheryl Brodowski as our Development Director, bringing 12 years of development experience to the KBF.

Our programming really took a big step in 2019. We grew the Active Fund, our adaptive sports equipment grant program and began developing resources for people with new injuries. And for the first time ever we opened a grant challenge to adaptive sports programs, awarding over \$119,000 to 14 adaptive sports programs across the country, including a children's wheelchair basketball program in Ohio and a program in New Mexico to purchase an accessible drift boat to float the stunning Rio Grande River.

Our events again powered our fundraising. Our community in the San Francisco area continues to grow, largely thanks to our amazing host committee for Inspire!SanFrancisco. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of our Bay Area friends even better. Inspire!Boston remains our east coast powerhouse and we can't thank that community enough!

And of course, the 14th Annual Kelly Brush Ride was incredible! Our sponsors, riders, and golfers raised over \$755,000 to help people with spinal cord injuries get active. I never imagined what the Kelly Brush Ride would turn into over the course of 14 years, and I'm incredibly proud and moved that so many people in our community want to help people who were paralyzed live their best lives. I'm looking forward to the 15th Annual in 2020! Will you join me?

In summary, 2019 was an amazing year at KBF, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our donors, sponsors, volunteers, host committees, riders, golfers, and community members. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Here's to an amazing 2020!

ABOUT KBF

Active lifestyles are a powerful way to build identity, community, and mental health, which become vital after a spinal cord injury.

For those who have experienced a spinal cord injury, being active can feel out of reach. The obstacles are real: physical, financial, and even the belief it is possible.

The Kelly Brush Foundation helps people thrive after a spinal cord injury through sports and recreation. We offer the inspiration to believe and the grants to enable anyone to buy the equipment they need to get out and go.

OUR TEAM

Staff

Zeke Davisson **Executive Director**
Cheryl Brodowski **Development Director**
Whitney Coombs **Marketing Director**
Greg Durso **Program Director**
Stephanie Heaslip **Administrative Manager**
Jenn Rand **Events & Development Manager**
Hannah Torney **Operations Coordinator**

Board of Directors

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OUR 2019 STATS

REVENUE

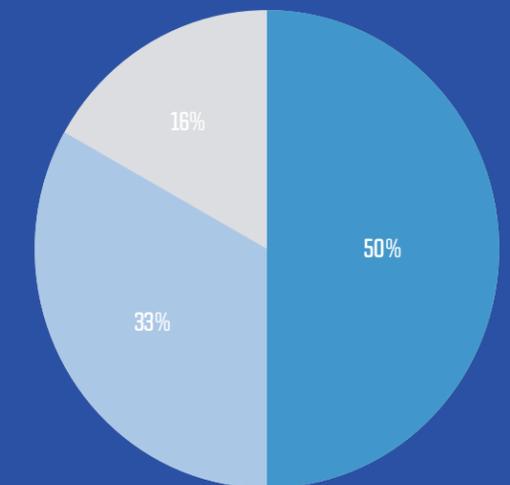
2016 \$805,000

2017 \$1,052,809

2018 \$1,384,562

2019 \$1,621,013

SOURCE OF REVENUE

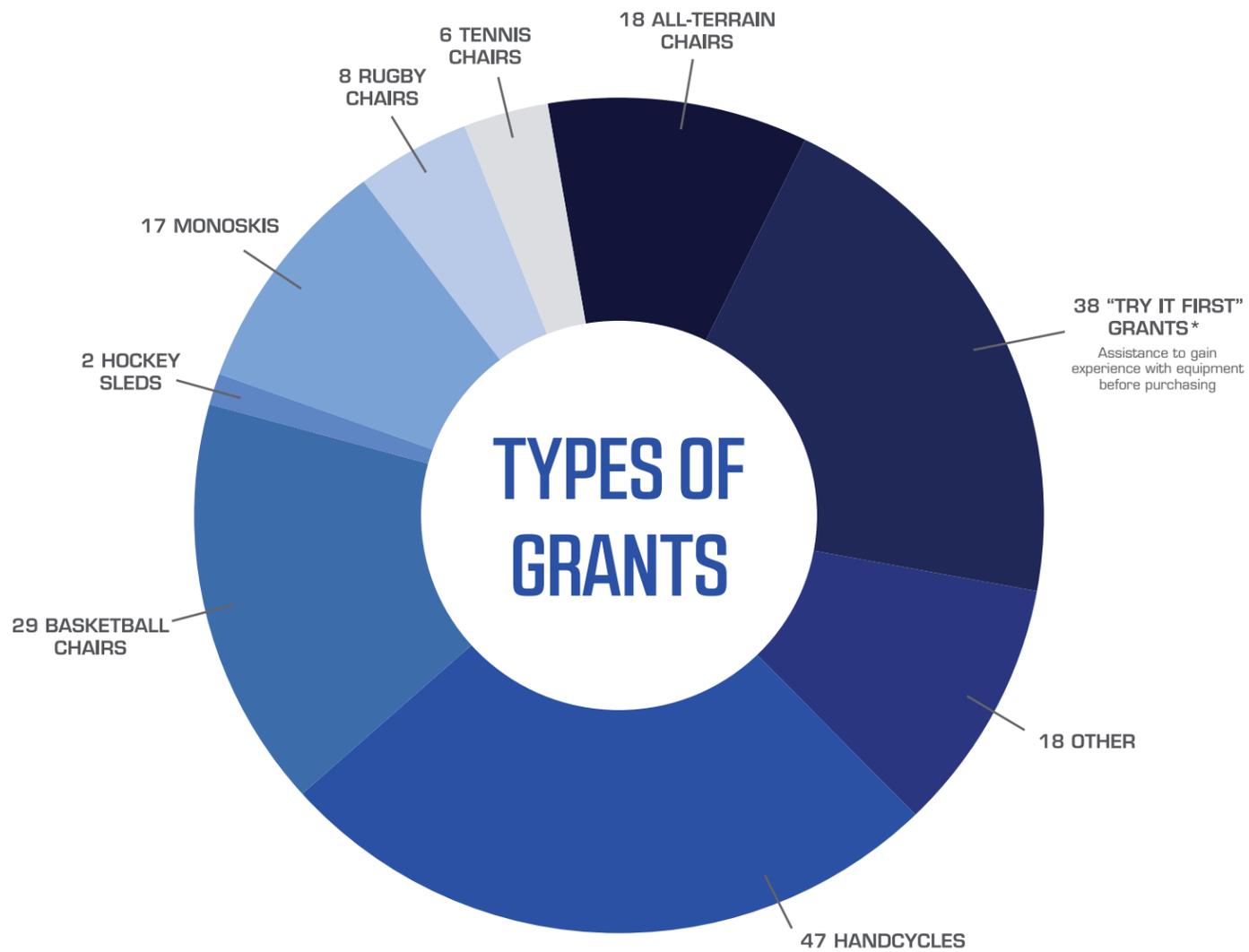
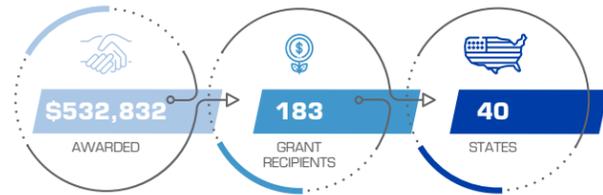


Kelly Brush Ride \$755,425
Inspire! Events \$495,040
General Fundraising \$252,278

THE ACTIVE FUND

The Active Fund helps people with a spinal cord injury purchase the adaptive sports equipment they need to enjoy the physical, mental and social benefits of an active lifestyle.

2019 GRANT STATS



ALL-TIME GRANT STATS



PATH2ACTIVE

Partnerships to try, learn, and own adaptive sports equipment!

Path2Active partnerships are collaborations with adaptive sports programs and rehabilitation facilities to develop a better path from introduction to adaptive sports to independence.

2019 STATS



THE PARTNER FUND

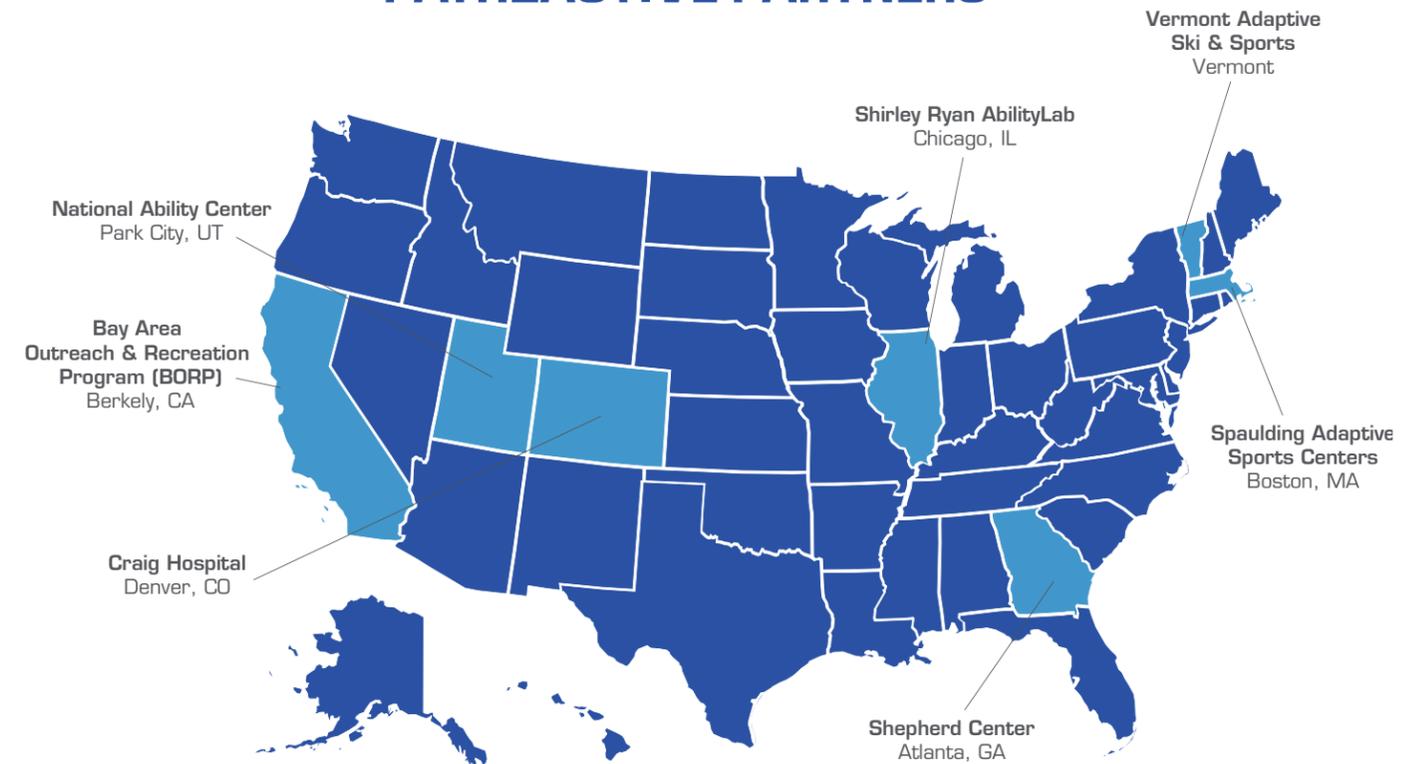
Funding the best ideas from adaptive sports programs.

The Kelly Brush Foundation held a one-time grant challenge to help fund the biggest needs, best ideas, and most exciting innovations as identified by adaptive sports organizations around the country.

2019 STATS



PATH2ACTIVE PARTNERS



2019 ACTIVE FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

“What a wonderful surprise! You’ve made my heart swell with happiness. I’m so grateful to have been awarded an Active Fund grant from the Kelly Brush Foundation. Thank you for giving me another positive story to share with family and friends about never giving up. Thank you for helping me on my journey back to cycling and triathlon competitions.”



“I’m so grateful; so humbled that KBF has decided to grant me with such a large gift, and I can’t wait to see how many new adventures unravel in my future. I’m already looking for ways to pay it forward and I can’t wait to tear up the trails!!!”



“Wow. I am speechless. Thank you so much. You have no idea what this opportunity means to me. This is going to change my entire life. I am still in shock. I cannot thank you enough. I have reached out to Dynacess to begin the process of placing the order.”



“I am so excited and grateful to be awarded this grant and to be a part of Kelly Brush Foundation Family! I can’t wait to ride bikes all the time. I really can’t express my gratitude enough!”



“This is one of the best emails I have ever received. Thanks so much for helping my son with his new sports chair. I can’t wait to surprise him with the great news later today. Thanks again for your support in my son’s athletics. He will make you guys proud.”



“I am ecstatic with the news of the KBF very generously awarding me the funding of my own Grit Freedom Chair! I can’t even begin to tell you how much I appreciate the KBF’s kindness in allowing me to have the opportunity to live a much better life because I’ll be able to do the things I love with the Grit Chair.”



“Thank you so much KBF! I am in tears!! Words can’t express my gratitude!”



“I am so amazingly excited about your extremely generous grant! I am so so happy! Thank you so much! Winter arrived early here in Montana so I rode on the trainer last night. I am honored to be a part of the Kelly Brush family and extremely grateful that you exist.”

2019 SKI RACING SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANTS



SKI RACING SAFETY

Our Safety Mission

We dedicated more resources to—and made a bigger impact in—the ski racing community in 2019 than any other year. Our programs reached more people, saved more lives, and furthered the conversation about ski racing safety.

We awarded the highest amount of resources in our Ski Racing Safety Equipment Grant Program, helping programs around the country improve safety on their venues with additional netting, padding, and other improvements.

Our Alpine Competition and Safety Consultant worked with dozens of programs and provided educational materials to hundreds of coaches and officials. Together we are working with US Ski & Snowboard to elevate the training of coaches on basic and advanced venue safety.

Through our Stop the Bleed initiative, we delivered more than 1,000 bleeding control kits around the country, many of which were deployed in emergencies to address on-hill lacerations. Our drive, together with the Davis family, to train coaches and officials proved life-saving.

Stop the Bleed Initiative

- 1,050 Bleeding Control Kits distributed
- 27 Instructional Seminars

Alpine Competition & Safety Consultant

- 27 Safety Presentations
- 1 regional safety seminar hosted by the KBF

Advocacy

- 310 Ski Racing Safety Posters distributed
- 14 Ski Racing Safety Banners distributed to grant recipients

2019 EVENTS

INSPIRE!BOSTON

MARCH 28, 2019



300 ATTENDEES



\$300,000 RAISED

INSPIRE!VERMONT

MAY 9, 2019



150 ATTENDEES



\$34,000 RAISED

KELLY BRUSH RIDE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2019



830 RIDERS



50 GOLFERS



90 VOLUNTEERS



\$755,000 RAISED

INSPIRE!SANFRANCISCO

OCTOBER 24, 2019



230 ATTENDEES



\$175,000 RAISED



2020 EVENTS

INSPIRE!BOSTON

MARCH 26, 2020

INSPIRE!VERMONT

MAY 14, 2020

KELLY BRUSH RIDE

POWERED BY VBT

BICYCLING VACATIONS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

INSPIRE!SANFRANCISCO

OCTOBER 22, 2020

KILLINGTON WORLD

CUP APRÈS

NOVEMBER 28, 2020

HONOR ROLL

January 1, 2019 –
December 31, 2019

\$25,000+

Adage Capital Management
Charlie & Mary Brush
Eileen & Jack Connors
Montgomery & Christy Kersten
Anne C. Kubik & Michael A. Krupka
Charitable Gift Fund
Skip McKee & Margaret Reynolds
VBT Bicycling & Walking Vacations

\$24,999 - \$10,000

Jerry & Grace Macomber Bird
David & Moni Butze
The Bill and Lynda Glavin Charitable Fund
Rick & Kathy Kimball
George Macomber Family
Charitable Gift Fund
David & Alexis Sabow
Ian & Anne Sanderson
Vermont Agency Foundation

\$9,999 - \$5,000

Alta Partners
Audi South Burlington
John & Carolyn Biasotti
Catamount Financial Advisors
Charles Foundation, Inc.
Chisholm Family
Combined Jewish Philanthropies
James & Andrea Crook
Tom and Patty Doar Foundation, Inc
Mia & David Fitzgerald
The Foreside Foundation
Churchill & Janet Franklin
The Keith and Nancy Johnson
Family Foundation
Murphy Realty Company, LLC
National Life Group Charitable
Foundation Inc.
The New Balance Foundation
Nokian Tyres
Paul & Katherine Quinlan
Winthrop Smith Family Foundation
Biria & Elena St. John
D.T. Rowe
Sugarbush Resort
Heidi Witherell
Wolverine Worldwide
World Cup Supply

\$4,999 - \$2,500

Alcoyn Foundation
Jeff & Missy Barlow
Berkshire Bank

John & Betsy Brantley
Jim Burns
Cheri Campbell
Canaccord Genuity
Gib & Sarah Carey
Tack Chace
Champlain Investment Partners, LLC
Kelly Brush & Zeke Davisson
DLA Piper
Jason Doiron
Tom & Hillary Egan
Empire National Bank
Robert & Trisha End
Mary Gale & Richard Davisson
Tom & Kerri Gillis
Golden Fleece Foundation Charity
Goldman Sachs & Co.
Graham Goldsmith
Gravel & Shea PC
Gunderson Dettmer
Jay Hachigian
Hercules Capital, Inc.
Homer Family Foundation
Dave Kastel
Michael Kendall
Rick & Laney Makin
Peoples United Bank
RSM
Sasco Foundation
Matt Schwartz
Mikaela Shiffrin
Silicon Valley Bank
Vermont Gas
Vermont Mortgage Company
The Vincent Family
The Wagstaff Family
William Blair & Company
Tom Wilson Foundation

\$2,499 - \$1,000

ACC Consumer Finance
Al Perry Consulting
Tom Allen
Don & Cheryl Appe
Apple Pickers Foundation
Apple West Home Medical Supply
Andrew Arnott
Pete & Michele Asch
Steve Baker
David & Lucy Ball
Bank of America
Bianco Family
Jeanne Blasberg
BNY Mellon
Mike Boardman
Bogle Winery
Stuart Bohart
Bjørn Borgen
John Braun
Marcia & Bob Bristow
Su-Moon Paik & Bob Brown

Robert & Dianne Brown
Stu Brown
David & Candy Brush
Burke Mountain Academy
Ricardo & Lisa Capretta
Norman Chambers
Competitive Kitchen Designs
Cool As A Moose
Dan & Luanne Cordeau
Patrick & Denise Courtney
Chris Croft
Vince Cabbage
Lawrence Curtis
Stephen Delinsky
Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew P.C.
Bari & Peter Dreissegacker
Jonathan & Michaelene Durst
Dynaccess
Timothy Emerson
Fred & Lisa Eustis
Exerus Business Furniture
Adrian Fadrhonc
Fairfield County's Community Foundation
Firestone Walker Brewing Company
Jim Fitzmaurice
Forest Park Realty Corp
Fortis Construction
Kevin Foxx
Jeff Fryer
The Fuller Foundation
Gallagher Flynn
Lindsay & Tom Getz
Thomas Getz Sr.
Gibson Sotheby's International Realty
Carolyn Goodrich
Gould Academy
Brett Grabowski
Graham Hunter Foundation
Green Mountain Valley School
Phillip & Elizabeth Gross
Laura Palumbo-Hanson & David Hanson
Tina & John Helzer
Heron Family Foundation
Holderness School
Laura & Charlie Howe
Victoria Hoyt
Douglas Keith
Steve & Lindy Kelley
Killington World Cup Committee
Merrick Kleeman
RB & Ann Klinkenberg
Chuck Kontulis
Susan & Tom Lamaster
Anthony & Sara Liberti
William B. Long
Rima & Brett Marschke
Anne & Tom McGonagle
Bob McHugh
Ed Meltzer
Morson Performance Tennis
MountainGuard Insurance

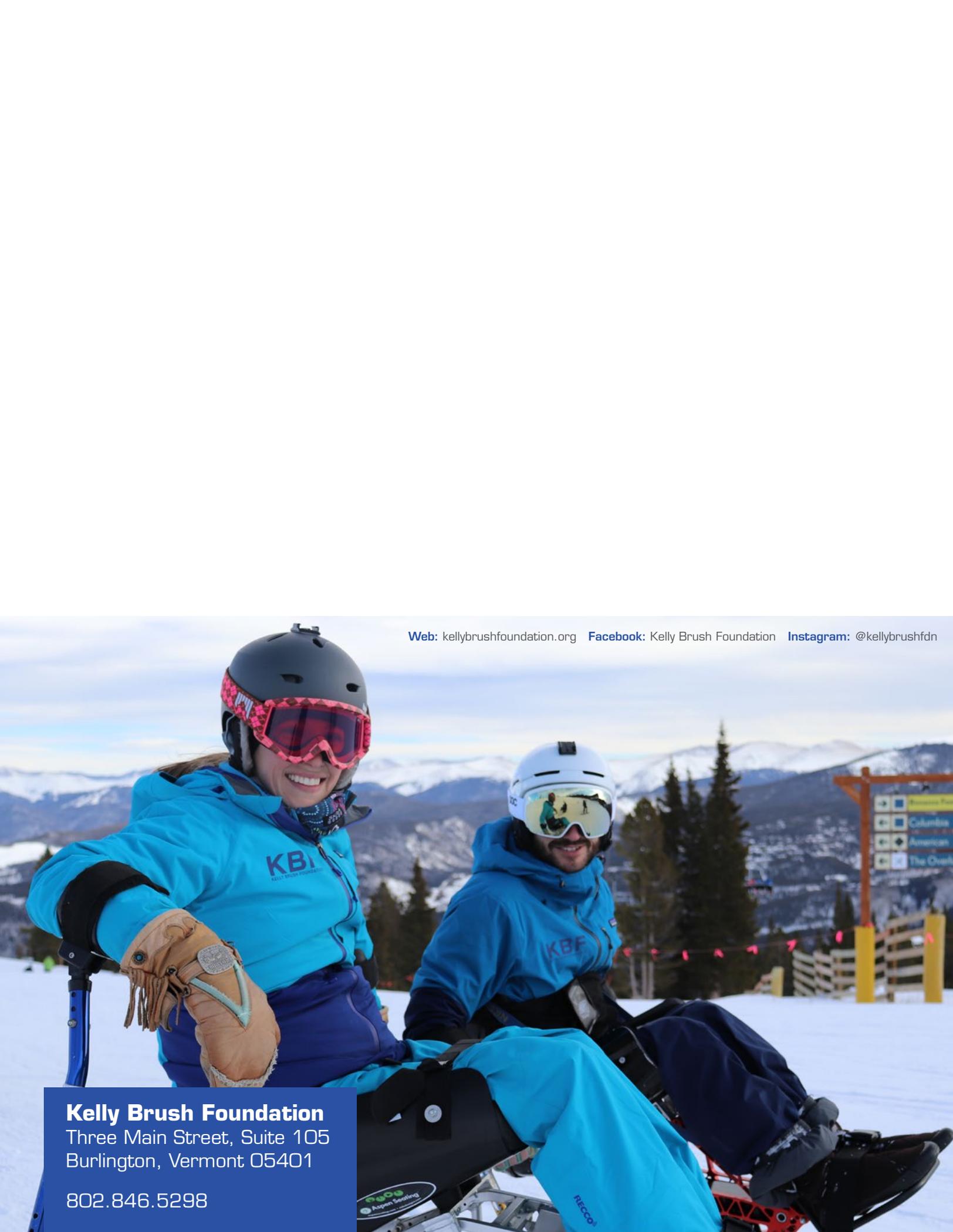
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Brendan & Lauren O'Brien
Keith Otis
Dexter & Susan Paine
Harry Pefanis
Peter & Lacey Phillips
John D. Picotte Family Foundation, Inc.
Liz & Bob Potter
Ann & Scott Pulver
Michael Putziger
Race Stock Sports
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Raymond James
The Redmond Family Foundation
Redstone
Don & Sandy Rendall
Reza Sadr
Austin Scholl
Ken Seaton
Tim & Sue Setteducati
Square 1 Bank
SRD USA LLC
Hunt Stookey
Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club
Greg Sweet
Jacob Swensson
Switchback Beerworks
Marc & Mimi Tabah
Steve Tomlinson
Ursa Major
UVM Health Network
Lynn Vallee
Vermont Community Foundation
Vermont Mutual
Ellen & Tom Wilkins
Brad Williams
Wilmington Trust

\$999 - \$500

Anonymous
Heather Abele
Ellen Adams
Kristen Adams
Aerie Consulting
Peter Ahl
William Allison
Kent Anderson
Carol Arvidsson
Chris Ashley
William Bamber
Justin & Kristina Barclay
Beneity Community Impact Fund
Peter Benham
Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
Carol & George Brush
The Bindon Foundation
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Rich Everett
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J Graham Goldsmith
Dean Goodermote
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Richard Gordet
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Main Street Landing Company
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Courtenay Marvin
Mitchell McCullough

James & Mary Jo McKellar
Julie & Dave McKenna
Middlebury College Alpine Ski Team
Marc & Julie Mishkin
Ebrahim Moussazadeh
William Muggia
The Laura Jane Musser Fund
Heidi Naughton
Dave Nieuwstraten
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Margaret O'Brien
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Theresa Briggs & Craig Pasquantonio
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Robin & Summer Saitz
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George Schwab
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Ross Simons
Travis Smith
Elizabeth Snyder
Richard Sommer
Virginia Spencer
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The Summers Family
Summit Property Management
Superior Nation Trust &
Financial Services
Andrew Thut
UVM Medical Center
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