“IF I CAN DO THIS, I CAN DO ANYTHING!”™
MISSION

To provide affordable inclusive physical and recreational activities that build health, confidence, and independence.
Dear ACHIEVE TAHOE Supporters,

While it has been a year of unexpected challenges for everyone, I am grateful to ACHIEVE TAHOE’s donors, volunteers, staff, participants and community members who have helped us pivot during this time. Because of this incredible support, we were able to continue to serve our participants and families through COVID-friendly summer activities and expand our reach with virtual programming. We’ve made important modifications to our upcoming winter program to ensure the safety of everyone, while maintaining quality. This trying time has shown how imperative community and a sense of belonging is. While the last year has been difficult, I consider it a success thanks to the 529 children and adults who attended ACHIEVE TAHOE programs and gained new experiences. We all know 2021 will be different, but we’ve grown and adapted since the pandemic first started. For ACHIEVE TAHOE, that means whatever comes our way we will continue the important work of providing programs that build health, confidence and independence in the many people we serve.

On behalf of everyone at ACHIEVE TAHOE, thank you for making our community even stronger and helping us move forward in meeting our mission!

Sincerely,

HAAKON LANG-REE
Executive Director

“...The skiing for my son Dylan was one of the best things as a father I’ve seen him do in his 24 years. Tears to my eyes watching the video of him coming down the hill.”
AUTISM

This image represents every disability we served in 2019–2020. The size of the word is proportional to the number of individuals with that disability.
SNOWSPORTS LESSONS

We offered private adaptative ski and snowboard lessons for all abilities at Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Northstar and Sugar Bowl. ACHIEVE TAHOE seeks to utilize each individuals’ abilities to help them find the greatest amount of independence in recreation.

TOTAL LESSONS

2,130

SUMMER SPORTS

Due to COVID-19, traditional summer programming was canceled. We pivoted to new programming that was COVID-safe which included Tahoe area guided hikes, paddle sports and virtual programs.

TOTAL EXPERIENCES

180

MILITARY

ACHIEVE TAHOE offers year-round discounts, scholarships and all-expense-paid sports camps to our military Veterans and active duty service members with permanent disabilities.

In 2020 the Anthem Winter Ski Festival, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross, hosted 16 Veterans and a family member/support person for a 3-day all expenses paid winter sports camp.

TOTAL EXPERIENCES

216

ELIZA’S STORY

Seven-year-old Eliza began learning how to ski with ACHIEVE TAHOE two years ago. She’s known for her can-do spirit, positive attitude and bright outfits. When asked why she’d encourage other people to come to ACHIEVE TAHOE she says:

“I would say ACHIEVE TAHOE is a place where you can learn how to ski and it’s lots of fun, and it’s really snowy and you can make snowballs and you can have as much fun as you want!”

Eliza’s mom, Cori, talks about their family’s experience at ACHIEVE TAHOE:

“We feel like it’s been such a blessing to our family... A lot of the things that we want to do outdoors are a bit of a challenge with the wheelchair and trying to figure out how we’re going to make it accessible for Eliza because we don’t want to do these things without her. It’s been really, really nice to have skiing be something that our whole family can do together.

We’ve also been really impressed with how well the instructors work with her and help her feel a sense of independence and ownership...because she doesn’t get a lot of that in her everyday life. It’s really nice [skiing on] the mountain because...the instructors work with her to allow her to have that freedom.”

ELIZA’S MOTTO IS:

“If you don’t get it right, try again and don’t give up!”
Learning to ski made me feel competent and independent, and this helped me achieve other personal goals like bike riding, driving a car, and trying other sports”
INCOME

Donations (individual & business) $ 608,434 55.98%
Grants 112,000 10.30%
Special Events 87,813 8.08%
Fees for Service 194,455 17.90%
Other (interest, Bear Falls Rent & Merch.) 84,122 7.74%
Total $ 1,086,824

EXPENSES

Programs $ 691,375 68.2%
Fundraising 165,069 16.3%
Admin 157,693 15.5%
Total Expenses $ 1,014,137

In-kind Support Total $ 154,869
“[My son] has to learn not to depend on me. He really has to develop the independence and autonomy to advocate for himself. That is one of the best skills that he’s learned in our years at Achieve Tahoe.”