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Press Release

\$25,000 Grant from the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation awarded to DREAM Adaptive Recreation a non-profit based in Whitefish, Montana.

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for those living with spinal cord injury and to support scientific exploration for effective therapies and treatments leading to a cure.

Whitefish, MT April 4, 2016: DREAM Adaptive Recreation applied for the grant in the spring of 2015 to help their athletes live more independently by providing adaptive equipment for outdoor recreation. Cheri DuBeau Carlson, the Executive Director of DREAM said, "With the \$25,000 awarded to DREAM we were able to increase our summer equipment inventory to help more athletes in the Flathead Valley and beyond enjoy life to the fullest. We are honored to receive this grant and we will put it to great use."

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation was established in 2002 to award grants to a broad spectrum of charities. The Foundation funds projects that are expected to:

- * Lead to key discoveries through innovative and collaborative mechanistic, translational, preclinical and clinical research.
- * Enhance standards for the delivery of care, particularly in the area of rehabilitation.
- * Empower individuals with spinal cord injury to live independently in the community and enjoy improved emotional and physical well-being.

The mission of DREAM Adaptive Recreation is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with disabilities by providing year round outdoor adaptive recreational opportunities. What started as a small non-profit organization helping a small number of disabled adults and children has continued to grow annually. In 2009, DREAM was able to expand its program by adding summer adaptive recreation opportunities.

This summer DREAM will hold its 8th annual Water Sports Camp on Echo Lake in Bigfork on July 12-14th. For the first time DREAM is able to add one additional day of their Water Sports Camp dedicated solely to Veterans. Activities that will be available are paddle boarding, kayaking, tubing, water-skiing, wakeboarding and swimming. If you or someone you know that would be interested in attending the camp please call 406-862-1817 or email info@dreamadaptive.org. By receiving grants like these from the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, DREAM is able to provide programs like this free to our participants.

"Building Confidence and Encouraging Independence, One Activity at a Time."



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