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WELGER FOUNDATION

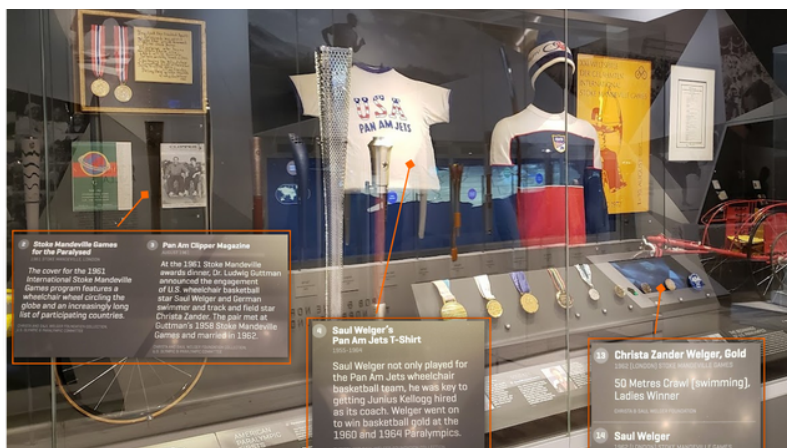
2021 ANNUAL REPORT





Friends of the Christa and Saul Welger Foundation

We are honored to bring you the 2021 Welger Foundation annual report. As we reflect on the past year, our first full year in operation, we are humbled and encouraged by the support and encouragement of the adaptive sport community and recognition of Christa and Saul's contributions to the Paralympic and adaptive sport movement.



WHO WE ARE

The Christa & Saul Welger Foundation was established as a tribute to these two tenacious athletes and their almost thirty years of remarkable contributions to the early days of disabled athletics. Inspired by the stories of Christa and Saul, the Foundation's goal is to help, motivate and support disabled, young athletes reach their highest potential—in sport and in life.

WHO WE SERVE

Our mission is to provide support and opportunities to physically impaired youth to encourage participation in, increase awareness of, and reduce barriers to competing in team sports.

WHAT SETS US APART

Following their 2nd Paralympic games in Tokyo, 1964, Christa and Saul transitioned their athletic contributions to coaching and mentoring local adaptive athletes and newly impaired individuals that could benefit from team sports. That legacy continues as the focus for the Welger Foundation.



DONORS:

125



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\$19k



ATHLETES
IMPACTED:

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2021 IN REVIEW

- 1 THANK YOU to the over 125 donors that contributed almost \$19,000!
- 2 Welger Foundation Board members and supporters attended a practice of the New York Rolling Fury with Steve Serio, four-time Paralympian and back-to-back gold medal winner for Team USA Wheelchair Basketball.



- 3 Your generosity allowed us to provide travel support to a local youth wheelchair basketball team, the New York Rolling Fury, helping them to participate in the 2021 National Championship Tournament in Kansas.





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- 4 We celebrated the opening of the 2021 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo, and acknowledged the last time the games were in Tokyo, Christa and Saul competed and won a combined 7 medals. The event, attended by over 60 supporters, spotlighted recorded videos of support from Team USA Wheelchair Basketball members Steve Serio, Matt Scott, Brian Bell, Jorge Sanchez, and Trevon Jenifer.



LOOKING AHEAD

We plan to continue the momentum with several key goals for 2022:

- Expand the composition of the board to include an adaptive athlete or adaptive sport leader.
- Broaden support of New York/New Jersey athletes.
- Launch a Welger Foundation wheelchair basketball clinic for youth athletes.
- Conduct an annual fundraising event for current and new patrons.