

Christa & Saul Welger Foundation 2024 Annual Report



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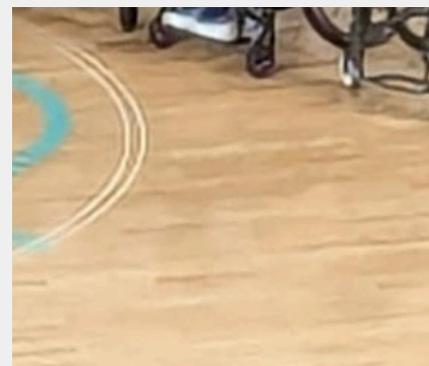


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Message from the Board

We express our sincere appreciation to the individual, business, and corporate donors for their generous contributions, which have facilitated the Welger Foundation's continued growth and development. The Foundation experienced significant financial progress, receiving close to \$19,000 in donations from kind supporters, including both individuals and businesses. This support made it possible for the Foundation to successfully realize and execute a significant goal from the 2023 objectives by launching a Grant program.

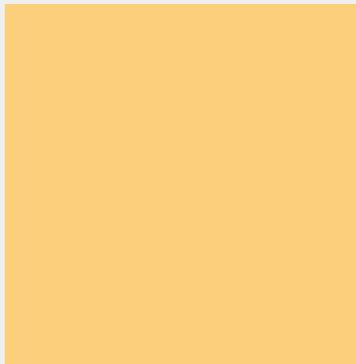
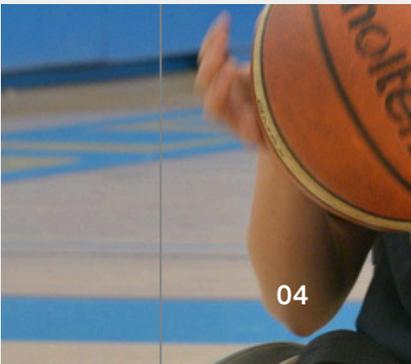
The grant program is available for adaptive athletes up to 19 years of age and live in the Mid-Atlantic area, encompassing New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and who take part in adaptive sports. Applicants can receive grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with Travel expenses (covering transportation, flights, and accommodation for sporting events) and Training/Competition expenses (which include entry fees, team participation, and training camp costs).

With the Paralympic Games in 2024, the board opted to pause this year's Big Shot Bootcamp and focus its resources on supporting the participating athletes, including Board Member and Co-Captain of the Team USA Men's Wheelchair Basketball team, Steve Serio, along with Welger Foundation supporters Trevon Jenifer and Patrick Anderson.



Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** 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.
- **Vision:** Inspired by the stories of Christa and Saul Welger, the Foundation's goal is to help, motivate and support disabled, young athletes reach their highest potential—in sport and in life.



Financial Statement

2024 Financial Statement: (January 1 – December 31)

Revenue	Contributions - \$18,843.96
Expenses	Management & General - \$5,580.93
Grants	13 Recipients - \$10,717.00



Supporting 2024 Paralympic Athletes

Board members Mark Lusk and Jeff Welger, along with several Welger Foundation Boosters, self-funded a trip to Paris, France for the 2024 Paralympic Games. The purpose of the trip was to support Board Member Steve Serio, who was the Co-Captain of the Team USA Men's Wheelchair Basketball team and the flag bearer for the opening ceremonies, as well as Welger Foundation supporters Trevon Jenifer, a 4-time Paralympian and 3-time gold medalist for Team USA, and Patrick Anderson, a 6-time Paralympian and 3-time gold medalist for Team Canada.



The group was fortunate enough to be present at the Bronze Medal game to cheer for Patrick, and afterwards, they attended the gold medal game to support Steve, Trevon, and the entire men's team as they secured a "Three-peat" by clinching their third consecutive Paralympic title for the US men's wheelchair basketball team.



Grant Program

The Welger Foundation is thrilled to share the recipients of the 2024 Grants! We received 26 applications and awarded funds to 13 recipients, amounting to over \$10,000. The applicants ranged in age from 8 to 18 and included athletes participating in sled hockey, tennis, chair racing, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, track and field, and swimming. We are committed to advancing and enhancing the Grant Program in 2025, focusing on broadening the geographic scope of applicants, adding support for more sports, and boosting the amount of grant funding offered.



Dante Limoli - Age 7, Yorktown Heights, NY, Sled Hockey



Gabriel Mora - Age 14, Brooklyn, NY, Sled hockey



Jorge Farro - Age 14, Brooklyn, NY, Sled hockey



Moustafa Eldeeb – Age 12, Staten Island, NY, Wheelchair basketball



Maximus Wong – Age 16, Bayside, NY, Wheelchair Tennis



Aadil Thompson – Age 12, New York, NY, Chair Racing and Wheelchair Basketball



Alex Fraser – Age 18, Bowie, MD, Wheelchair Basketball



Austin Bird – Age 12, long Island, NY, Wheelchair Basketball



Ciarlo Liples – Age 14, Doylestown, PA, Wheelchair Basketball



Damonie Greaves – Age 15, Brooklyn, NY, Wheelchair Basketball



Emma D'Antonio – Age 13, Bohemia, NY, Wheelchair Basketball, Tennis, Track & Field, Sled Hockey, Sitting Volleyball



Robert Deegan – Age 11, Mickleton, NJ, Wheelchair Basketball, Swimming



Zak Delgado – Age 16, Brooklyn, NY, Wheelchair Basketball

Future Goals

- Expand and enhance the Grant Program in 2025
- Conduct the 2025 Big Shot Bootcamp
- Create a thorough fundraising strategy that focuses on steady year-over-year growth and sustainable sponsorship opportunities
- Assess the size and composition of the Board of Directors in anticipation of Foundation growth

How to Get Involved

Introduce Us · Connect Us · Refer Us

Some ways to get involved with the Welger Foundation:

- Volunteer to support our sports programs
- Donate through our website - www.welgerfoundation.org
- Connect us with athletes, influencers, corporate donors
- Explore Corporate Matching Donation programs
- Contact us at info@welgerfoundation.org

