

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

Dear Friends,

We have continued to work very hard to make Recreation Unlimited a dream come true for youth and adults with disabilities and health concerns! Our team is diligently at work to make sure that our year round camp programs will be another great year of fun, excitement and safe.

We are very grateful for the generosity of our donors to make sure that our campus programs and care team are first class in all ways and that we are in a great position to continue our mission of sports, recreation, and education for individuals with disabilities and health concerns as a community respite provider.

If you would like to make a donation to Recreation Unlimited camps and camper scholarship fund, you can call (740) 548-7006, Ext. 120 or Ext. 118 and give your credit card information to Holli or Tom or send a check via mail to Recreation Unlimited, 7700 Piper Road, Ashley, Ohio 43003, or visit the Recreation Unlimited Giving Store at The Columbus Foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

We welcome you to visit the Recreation Unlimited campus to see what we are achieving together. Please call us anytime to schedule a campus tour at 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org.

Wishing you the best for 2023,

Paul L. Huttlin  
Executive Director & CEO  
Recreation Unlimited Foundation  
Recreation Unlimited Farm and Fun, Inc.



(left to right) Paul with camper Emily during Fireworks night.

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## Generosity is Abundant at Recreation Unlimited

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who supported Recreation Unlimited camp operations and camper funding throughout the year through donations to Recreation Unlimited Foundation. Without your generosity, the mission of serving individuals with disabilities and health concerns would not have been fulfilled. The following are some of the major gifts that were received since Fall 2022 and not specifically mentioned in an article in this newsletter or received through special events:

- Greif, Inc., Greif Week Camper Scholarships
- Alternative Residences Two, Inc., Camper Funding -Belmont County and Eastern Ohio
- Anonymous Donor, Camp Operational Support
- Shannon Diener, Michael Dempsey Camper Scholarship Fund
- Delaware County Foundation – 2023 Camps Support Delaware County Campers
- Deborah Liebert Karl – Ron William James Karl Scholarship Fund
- The Columbus Foundation, Anonymous Donor, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Greif, Inc., Program Support
- Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin and Arin McNamara Families, Program Support
- Larry and Kathy Liebert, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Pope Family Foundation, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Anonymous, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Kevin and Andrea McNamara, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
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- David and Sarah Effler, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Angela C. Cook, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Thomas P. Pappas & Associates, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund

Thank you to all the individuals, families, Foundations and organizations who support Recreation Unlimited camps and camper scholarship fund and camp operations throughout the year. Without your generosity, our mission would not be fulfilled.

Please help us to make dreams come true for individuals with disabilities and health concerns year-round through your donation to Recreation Unlimited. Please send your donation in the envelope provided.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Star Light, Star Night**  
Location: Scioto Country Club  
June 7, 2023

Join Presenting Sponsor, the Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin and Arin McNamara Families, at this exclusive dinner and wine experience with a special live auction in support of the Recreation Unlimited camps and camper scholarship fund. The event features a renowned wine celebrity and wine tasting. This year's wine celebrity is John Boich, Proprietor, Boich Family Cellar, an established high-end California winery with a keen focus on extra-ordinary Cabernet Sauvignon.

For details, call 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email [phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org](mailto:phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org). You may also order premier tables of ten or tickets by visiting [www.recreationunlimited.org](http://www.recreationunlimited.org).

**Recreation Unlimited Invitational Golf Tournament**  
Location: Muirfield Village Golf Club  
September 17-18, 2023

Play the course that is home to Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament. This two-day event is the best charity golf tournament in central Ohio.

For details, call 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email [phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org](mailto:phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org) or [HNS Sports Group at 419-494-1417](mailto:HNS Sports Group at 419-494-1417) or email [arauapple@hnsports.com](mailto:arauapple@hnsports.com).

# RECREATION UNLIMITED Journal

Unlimited Dreams for Individuals with Disabilities and Health Concerns Year-Round

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## Recreation Unlimited Camps 2023

We are looking forward to continuing with year-round camps and programs for individuals with disabilities and health concerns in 2023.

"The Recreation Unlimited year-round camps schedule is already in progress, and we would be happy if you would join us at one of our 2023



"Swimming is so much fun!"

camps, Respite Weekend, Summer Residential, Summer Day, and Winter Residential" said Paul Huttlin, Executive Director & CEO, Recreation Unlimited Foundation.

To date, we have already enjoyed six Year-Round Respite Weekend camps that took place through March. Nine more Respite Weekend camps are scheduled, plus two weekend camps specifically for individuals with Autism.

The first Autism Camper and Typical Sibling Camp sponsored by Ingram-White Castle Foundation is scheduled for June 2nd – 4th, and an Autism Weekend Camp is scheduled for August 11th – 13th, sponsored by Huntington Bank.

The always popular Recreation Unlimited Summer Residential Camps begin with seven weeks scheduled between June 19th and August 4th and the Summer Day Camps run consecutively between June 26th and July 28th. A weeklong Specialty



"We love canoeing!"

Camp has been scheduled for summer 2023 for individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome the week of July 3rd – 7th. "We are pleased to continue to offer multiple fun-filled summer camps," said David Hudler, Operations Director, on behalf of Recreation Unlimited Farm and Fun, Inc. The Recreation Unlimited camp sessions will conclude with the Winter Residential camp scheduled for December 18th – 22nd.

If you are interested in registering for any of the Recreation Unlimited year-round camps, please visit [www.recreationunlimited.org](http://www.recreationunlimited.org), email [info@recreationunlimited.org](mailto:info@recreationunlimited.org) or call 740-548-7006, Ext. 114. Camps are filling up quickly.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The hiring crisis that is affecting most businesses and organizations, unfortunately is affecting Recreation Unlimited as well. Therefore, the waitlist for our campers is longer than usual.

## Flavors of the Vine Wine Tasting and Auction

The 31st annual Flavors of the Vine Wine Tasting and Auction live event was held on February 10, 2023, at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. We would like to thank our presenting sponsor, The Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin, and Arin McNamara Families, and all our major and corporate table sponsors, individual ticket holders and other donors who supported this event. Also, a special thanks to the 7 distributors who so generously donated the wine that was sampled at 18 pouring tables, which continues to make this event the #1 charity wine tasting event in central Ohio. We had another record year with over



(left to right) Paul Huttlin and Karen and Board member Bob Martin, MD.

\$265,000 in gross revenue in support of the 2023 Recreation Unlimited year-round camp programs.



## The Results Are In...

Recreation Unlimited continues to be one of the largest providers in the country serving individuals with disabilities and health concerns in the area of sports, recreation and education as a Community Respite Provider. In 2022, we were pleased that 653 individuals participated in a year-round Recreation Unlimited camp program, a 7% increase over 2021.

Each year, Recreation Unlimited distributes a survey to both camper and family/caregiver to receive feedback regarding the Recreation Unlimited camp experience. In 2022, 17.3% responded. Below are the top responses to questions asked:

### From the Campers

- 100% - I felt safe.
- 99% - The nurses did an excellent job with continuance of medical care.
- 98% - I received the right amount of help with activities of daily living.
- 98% - My dietary needs were met.
- 97% - I want to go to camp again.

### From the Family/Caregiver

- 100% - I believe my camper received great care.
- 99% - I believe my camper enjoyed his/her camper experience.
- 99% - I am confident that my camper's medical needs were met.
- 95% - I enjoyed time to myself.
- 94% - I was able to spend quality time with other family members.

## Campus Building Renovation and New Construction Continues!



Ingram-White Castle Outdoor Pavilion renovation in process.



Design representation of A Complete Play Experience for All – A Signature Program Area.

Over \$10.2 million in campus renovations and new construction have taken place on the Recreation Unlimited campus since 2004. Recreation Unlimited is proud to be debt free and financially strong with a modern, accessible, and beautiful campus.

Due to a major gift from the All Life Foundation, 2023 projects include renovation of the Ingram-White Castle Outdoor Pavilion, and new construction of A Complete Play Experience for All – A Signature Program Area. Construction began in January 2023 and will be completed by May 2023. If you would like to make a donation in support of a renovation or building project, please contact Paul Huttlin at (740) 548-7006, Ext. 108 or [phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org](mailto:phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org).

To make a contribution to Recreation Unlimited's camper scholarship fund or building campaign use the envelope provided or for details about programs and events, call 740-548-7006 or visit us on the web at [www.recreationunlimited.org](http://www.recreationunlimited.org).

## More Than Just Summer Camps!

For almost sixteen years, Recreation Unlimited's Winter Residential Camp has been an annual holiday and winter event for young adults and adults with disabilities. This Winter Residential Camp was created to expand the year-round camp schedule from just weekends and summer events, plus expand both indoor and seasonal outdoor program activities.

As a special tribute to the Recreation Unlimited fulltime and seasonal team, the following note from Barbara, Bob and David Weber highlights this wonderful Winter Residential camp experience.

"The holiday season has rushed by, but we are continually grateful for David's holiday camp in December. He is so happy to go and be among his friends. All the work and effort spent on making the activities fun for the participants is why he is constantly asking when he can return. We especially appreciate how safety is always a top priority; you made it easy for us to arrange our schedules to pick him up before the weather turned. Although it created a bit of a rush, we know now it was a great decision. Thanks to all who make "Camp Unlimited" a special place for David; it helps us all."



Campers and staff being Santa's reindeers.



David making his Christmas stocking.

## Create Your Own Endowed Scholarship Fund



"Thank you donors."

To honor a loved one, a family, or a corporation, you can create your own endowed camper scholarship fund for a minimum donation of \$10,000. Each endowed scholarship fund will have a restriction so that up to 5% of the fund balance will be used annually to support the Recreation Unlimited camper scholarship program in support of the Summer Residential and Year-Round Respite Weekend camps, other programs and room and board support. Through December 2022, \$924,251.17 has been deposited into the twenty-one endowed scholarship funds that have been created in honor of special individuals. Please consider a donation to a scholarship fund for continual support to Recreation Unlimited campers now and for years to come.

For information on creating your own endowed individual or family scholarship fund, please contact Paul Huttlin at 740-548-7006, Ext. 108 or email [phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org](mailto:phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org).

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Recreation Unlimited companies is to provide year-round programs in sports, recreation and education for individuals with disabilities and health concerns while building self-confidence, self-esteem and promoting positive human relations, attitudes and behaviors.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Autism Weekend Camp Opportunities



Brothers Brady and Luke climbing the 50 ft. Alpine Tower.

The seventh annual Autism Camper and Typical Sibling Weekend Camp is scheduled for June 2-4, 2023, thanks to a grant from the Ingram-White Castle Foundation. This weekend camp is an excellent opportunity for individuals with Autism (ASD) and their typical siblings to share an overnight experience. In addition, an Autism Weekend Camp sponsored by Huntington Bank is scheduled for August 11-13, 2023. Thank you, Ingram-White Castle Foundation and Huntington Bank, for these grants in support of the Autism community!

### #GivingTuesday Donations Support Woodworking Program

On #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022, individual donors had an opportunity to give back and make dreams come true for individuals with disabilities and health concerns. Recreation Unlimited has created a Woodworking program and had a goal of raising \$7,000. Through this program, individuals with disabilities have created high quality boards games, candy machines, engineered the fastest race cars, and boats just to name a few projects. Thank you to all who supported this campaign through #GivingTuesday raising a total of \$10,950.



Trent working on his woodworking project - a game board.

### Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights – A Fantastic Year!

The 2022 Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights Show was pleased to announce another major contribution to Recreation Unlimited's camps and camper scholarship fund. "We are excited that we had a fantastic holiday light show that continues to grow, while supporting such a well deserving charity," said Jamie Bando, Director of Marketing for the light show. The 2022 event raised \$21,200 from the light show. Thank you for your beautiful show!



Dante Bando and Theresa Bando presenting check to Paul Huttlin.

### Star Light, Star Night Event



John Boich, Proprietor, Boich Family Cellar

Recreation Unlimited's next major fundraising event is **Star Light, Star Night**, an exclusive dinner and wine tasting event, which is scheduled for June 7th at Scioto Country Club presented by the Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin and Arin McNamara Families. The event features a renowned wine celebrity and wine tasting. This year's wine celebrity is John Boich, Proprietor, Boich Family Cellar, an established high-end California winery with a keen focus on extra-ordinary Cabernet Sauvignon. Tickets are available now!