

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that spring is already upon us. Our team continues to work very hard to make Recreation Unlimited a dream come true for youth and adults with disabilities and health concerns!

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.

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.

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. Your financial support, well wishes and prayers for our continued success are greatly appreciated!!

Wishing you the best for 2025,

Paul L. Huttlin
Executive Director & CEO
Recreation Unlimited Foundation



Paul and Charlie at the Musical Garden



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Your Donations Make Dreams Come True

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 (over \$2,500) that were received since Fall 2024.

- All Life Foundation – Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s) and Golf Cart Storage Shelter
- Alternative Residences Two, Inc. – Camper Scholarships for Belmont, Harrison, Noble and Eastern Ohio Counties
- Greif, Inc. – Greif Week Camper Scholarships and Program Support
- Anonymous Donor – Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- The Columbus Foundation – Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s)
- Anonymous Donor – Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Del-Co Water Community Fund, the Robert Weiler Family Fund, the Amos Family Fund, Charles H. & Better J. Sheets Donor Advised Fund, Ron Sabatino Family Fund, and the Jim Kirkwood Charitable Fund of the Delaware County Foundation – 2025 Camps Support Delaware County Campers and Staff
- Delaware County Commissioners – Pool Pump/Motor Upgrades
- Blake and Patty Hobson – Endowed Camper Scholarship
- The Columbus Foundation – Anonymous Donor, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- The Columbus Foundation – Camper Scholarship Fund
- The Dublin Community Foundation – Respite Scholarships
- The Country Club at Muirfield Village Charitable Foundation – Respite Scholarships
- James and Marcia Keim – Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Marion Rotary Foundation – Camper Scholarships – Marion County
- Matthew and Ellen Miller – Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Kyle and Allison Brooks – Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- The Columbus Foundation, Camp Maintenance Grant – ATV/UTV Dump Trailer
- Marion Community Foundation – Respite Scholarships Marion County

UPCOMING EVENTS

Star Light, Star Night

Location: Scioto Country Club
June 26, 2025

Join Presenting Sponsor, the Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin and Arin McNamara Families, at this exclusive dinner, wine tasting and music experience with a special live auction in support of the Recreation Unlimited camps and camper scholarship fund. The event features Mira Winery, Napa Valley, whose wines are a pure expression of the Napa Valley using 100% Napa Valley fruit and D. Vincent Williams and James Otto, American Country Music Singers and Songwriters.

For details, call 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org. You may also order premier tables of ten or individual tickets by visiting www.recreationunlimited.org.

Recreation Unlimited Invitational Golf Tournament

Location: Muirfield Village Golf Club
September 21-22, 2025

Play the course that is home to Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament. This two-day event is the best charity golf tournament in central Ohio and Recreation Unlimited's #1 charity fundraising event.

For details, call 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org or HNS Sports Group at 419-494-1417 or email arapupple@hnsports.com.

RECREATION UNLIMITED Journal

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

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Recreation Unlimited Camps 2025



"Check out my crawdads!"



"The Aquatic Playground is so much fun!"

"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 2025 camps including Respite Weekends, 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.

The always popular Recreation Unlimited Summer Residential Camps begin with seven weeks scheduled between June 16th and August 1st, and the six weeks (one more week added) of Summer Day Camps that run consecutively between June 23rd and August 1st. "We have a very large wait list, and we are doing everything we can to accommodate as many individuals as possible. We are always looking to hire a quality seasonal team, which impacts how many campers that we serve," said Natalie Hutton, Camps 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 15th – 19th.

Due to the high volume of camper registrations, Recreation Unlimited has closed registrations for Summer Camps 2025. However, if you are interested in being added to a waitlist, please contact Natalie Hutton, Camps Director, at nhutton@recreationunlimited.org or call 740-548-7006, Ext. 103.

Flavors of the Vine Wine Tasting and Auction... Record Breaking Night!



(left to right) Mark and Lisa Berens, Robin and Lindsay Sears, and Paul Huttlin

The 33rd annual Flavors of the Vine Wine Tasting and Auction event was held on February 21, 2025, 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 19 pouring tables, which continues to make this event the #1 charity wine tasting event in central Ohio. We had a record-breaking year with over \$285,000 in gross revenue in support of the 2025 Recreation Unlimited year-round camp programs.

Create Your Own Endowed Scholarship Fund



Camp counselor and campers at Outdoor Cooking.

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/Winter Residential and Year-Round Respite Weekend camps, other programs and room and board support. Through January 2025, over \$1,300,000 has been deposited into the twenty-five 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. If you are interested in setting up an Endowed Fund, please contact Paul Huttlin at 740-548-7006, Ext. 108 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org.

Campus Building Renovation and New Construction Continues



New Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s)

Over \$12.1 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.

There will be three projects under construction in 2025. One of the projects will be the first of its kind, a 3,500 square foot Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s), which offers a unique ride for those who use wheelchairs, which is typically only an option for those without mobility challenges. Due to funding received from the All Life Foundation, The Worthington Companies Foundation, and The Columbus Foundation, construction will begin this spring and be finished by June 2025. 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.

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.

Prairie Revitalization

With the purpose of revitalizing the natural prairie located on the Recreation Unlimited campus, grant funds were received from The Columbus Foundation's Green Funds. The project will include 14 new prairie interpretive signs, repairing the bridge for camper access, purchasing seeds for prairie regeneration, and a controlled prairie burn by the Elm Valley Joint Fire District to clean out old plants and enhance new growth. Thank you to the Green Funds for your continual support of the multiple Recreation Unlimited ecosystems.



The natural prairie in bloom.

Expanding Camp Opportunities



Campers from Belmont County enjoying their camp experience.



Through the support received from Alternative Residences Two, Inc. (AR2) since 2017, the goal of having more individuals with disabilities attend a Recreation Unlimited Summer/Winter Residential and Respite Weekend Camps from throughout Ohio have shown very positive results. Individuals with disabilities from Belmont, Harrison, Noble and other eastern Ohio counties have a camp opportunity that they did not have before. AR2 has been very supportive with camper scholarship grants with the goal of giving more individuals with disabilities from these counties an opportunity to attend a Recreation Unlimited camp. "We are pleased with the increase in individuals with disabilities from other geographic areas in Ohio having an opportunity to attend a Recreation Unlimited camp," said Paul Huttlin, Executive Director & CEO. "Thank you AR2 for this continual support."

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Recreation Unlimited 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

More Than Just Summer Camps



I love decorating Christmas cookies!

For eighteen 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.

Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights – Making Spirits Bright!

The 2024 Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights Show was pleased to announce another major contribution with over \$21,000 donated to the 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. Thank you for making spirits bright with your beautiful light show.



Paul Huttlin, Theresa Bando, and Dante Bando

ReVision Gives Back

ReVision Lasik and Cataract Surgery supported Recreation Unlimited through ReVision Gives Back during the month of January. In addition to making a monetary donation, ReVision Gives Back also helps bring visibility to the non-profit's mission by sharing their story and partnering for various volunteer efforts and activities. Thank you to ReVision Lasik and Cataract Surgery, Dr. Schumer, and all who supported this program.



(left to right) Paige York, Paul Huttlin, and Dr. D. James Schumer

Universal Paddling Seats



Ready to go canoeing!

Thank you, Delaware Public Health District, for your support with the purchase of three (3) Universal Paddling Seats. The new paddling seats are used in our canoe program and helps to give our campers a sense of independence and dignity, while providing fun, comfortable, and adaptable experiences.