

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that 2025 is coming to an end. It was a year of fun, excitement and growth for Recreation Unlimited and the campers we serve through one of our Year-Round Respite Weekend, Summer Residential, Summer Day, or Specialty camps. These awesome experiences would not be possible without the hard work and efforts of our fulltime associates and all the seasonal staff that put their hearts into making sure every camper has the best experience.



Paul Huttlin and Ellie at canoeing.

In addition, thank you to all who have assisted Recreation Unlimited in some capacity as a Board member, donor, or volunteer. Our fundraising efforts were outstanding this year, as all three major fundraising events were extremely successful.

Recreation Unlimited continues to be a debt free and fiscally sound organization with a first-class and accessible campus. We welcome you to visit Recreation Unlimited to see what we are achieving together. Please call us anytime at 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org to schedule a campus tour.

Wishing you the best,

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



Recreation Unlimited prairie during fall.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the 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.

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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 or visit the Recreation Unlimited website at www.recreationunlimited.org, on the home page click the Donate Now button.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Flavors of the Vine Wine Tasting & Auction
Location: Hilton Columbus/Polaris
February 20, 2026

Join us for central Ohio's number one charity wine tasting event complemented by a sumptuous array of delicacy and dessert foods, plus silent and live auctions.

Star Light, Star Night
Location: Scioto Country Club
Date: June 2026

Enjoy this exclusive dinner and wine tasting experience that will feature a renowned wine celebrity. There will also be a special live auction.

Recreation Unlimited Invitational Golf Tournament
Location: Muirfield Village Golf Club
September 13-14, 2026

Play the course that is home to Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament. This two-day event is the best charity golf tournament in the country. For details, call 740-548-7006, Ext. 120 or email phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org or HNS Sports Group at 419-494-1417 or email araupple@hnsports.com.

RECREATION UNLIMITED Journal

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

Fall 2025

- Summer Camps
- Golf Tournament
- One of a Kind Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s)
- 1st Annual Autism Family Camp
- Star Light, Star Night

Summer Camps – Fantasy...A Whimsical World!



Cash having a blast in the pool.



Emmie enjoying a canoe ride.

Recreation Unlimited is one of Ohio's largest providers of sports, recreation and education programs for individuals with disabilities and health concerns. With the theme of "A Whimsical World through Fantasy," summer camps offered many fun activities to over 480 individuals with disabilities through the Summer Residential, Summer Day, and the Autism Weekend camp that started in June and ended the first week of August. "We are very thankful that due to the outstanding generosity of so many donors, an increase in recruiting for summer associates, and an additional week of Summer Day Camp, we had an increase of 18.5% in camper attendance from previous year," said Paul Huttlin, Executive Director & CEO.

"It was especially rewarding to welcome back campers we hadn't seen in years. We saw excellent attendance, with positive feedback from parents and caregivers alike," said Natalie Hutton, Camps Director. "Our team worked diligently to create a memorable and impactful summer. We are already looking forward to even greater success next year."

The complete 2026 Recreation Unlimited camp offerings and schedule were released in September and are on the Recreation Unlimited website at www.recreationunlimited.org. Recreation Unlimited uses an online registration/application system and will be open for registration December 2nd and registrations will close February 28, 2026.

Golf Tournament...Another Record Year!

The 43rd Annual Recreation Unlimited Invitational Golf Tournament was held on September 21-22, 2025, at the exclusive Muirfield Village Golf Club. The two day event was a great success with another record achieved of over \$967,000 in gross revenue raised to support Recreation Unlimited camps, capital improvements, and camper scholarship fund. This golf tournament is the largest fundraiser for Recreation Unlimited Foundation, and we were told "the best run charity golf tournament in the country". Thank you to presenting sponsor Germain Lexus, the Board Golf Tournament Committee, and all other major event sponsors. Special thanks to



(left to right) Front Row: Chris Eckels and Brady Burt, Back Row: John Ware, Brad Chute and Brad Hostasa

HNS Sports for their support with golf event planning and Muirfield Village Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality.

One of a Kind Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s)

Recreation Unlimited is proud to announce that the Accessible and Universal Track Ride(s) was opened to our campers with disabilities on the night of July 17th at the annual Board, Family and Friends, Cookout and Fireworks Night at the Recreation Unlimited campus. This 2025 project is a 3,500 square foot Accessible and Inclusive Track Ride(s) that offers a unique ride (zip line), which is typically only an option for those without mobility challenges. The Track Ride(s) have two versions, for wheelchair and non-wheelchair users and can accommodate up to a 600lb weight limit. The Track Ride(s) gives campers the thrill of something exciting and new, with perceived risk and speed, while offering a new experience of elevated motion play.



Allison trying out the new Wheelchair Track Ride.

The Track Ride(s) are conveniently located next to the Columbus Blue Jackets Sports Court and adjacent to the All-Life Foundation Accessible and Universal Play Area. "This is a one-of-a-kind program worldwide that will



Jonathan taking a ride on the Zipline.

continue making the Recreation Unlimited campus accessible for those individuals with disabilities and mobility challenges", said Paul Huttlin, Executive Director & CEO, Recreation Unlimited Foundation

Our goal was to raise \$350,000 and we would like to thank our donors, All Life Foundation with the lead gift, with additional support from The Worthington Companies Foundation and The Columbus Foundation. Thank you to Midstates Recreation, the creator of the Accessible and Universal Track Ride(s).

For more information about the Accessible and Universal Track Ride(s), please visit our website at www.recreationunlimited.org and contact Paul Huttlin at phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org or Holli Hess at h Hess@recreationunlimited.org or call 740-548-7006 Ext 120.

1st Annual Autism Family Camp



Family time on the pontoon boat.

Recreation Unlimited is pleased to announce that the 1st Annual Autism Family Camp sponsored by the Ingram-White Castle Foundation was a huge success with 60 family members registered for this overnight camp that took place August 9-10, 2025. This weekend also offered a Resource Fair that included 7 organizations attending that support the Autism community.

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.

Star Light, Star Night



(left to right) Paul Huttlin, Carol Huttlin and Dave Wallace

Recreation Unlimited Foundation is pleased to announce that the tenth annual Star Light, Star Night event, presented by the Ginni Ragan, John, Kevin and Arin McNamara Families was held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the beautiful Scioto Country Club and was a great success. We are pleased that the event raised \$295,500 in gross revenue. Over 100 guests enjoyed this exclusive dinner, wine and music experience featuring wines of Mira Winery with their Ambassador, Dave Wallace, Director of Beverage at The Charleston Place.

In addition, our guests enjoyed a special musical performance by D. Vincent Williams and James Otto, American Country Music Singers and Songwriters.

Summer Associates of the Year

Recreation Unlimited recognized and honored Emma Dunahoe, Lance Carrle, Nolan Wells, Carmen Lamberjack, Carly Ramey, Chloe Petrelle, Zoey Williams, and Brooklynn de Souza with the 2025 Summer Associate of the Year Awards for their service to Recreation Unlimited camps and campers through the 7-week summer residential and 6-week summer day camp programs. A total of \$6,750 was given out to these 8 individuals to support their educational pursuit. These scholarship funds were generated through development fund raising activities of Recreation Unlimited Foundation.



(left to right) Chloe, Emma and Zoey

New Board Members

Recreation Unlimited Foundation is very pleased to announce the addition of three new Board Members: Joe Pemberton, President and CEO, Suburban Natural Gas; Brian Reynolds, President and CEO, Renier Construction; and Joseph Mileti, MD, Orthopedic One. We are excited for the commitment, passion and financial support to the mission of Recreation Unlimited that Board members pledge and look forward to a successful relationship with Joe, Brian and Joseph.

Giving Continues to Grow!

Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who support Recreation Unlimited camps and camper scholarship fund throughout the year. Without your generosity, our mission would not be fulfilled. The following are some of the major gifts that were received since spring 2025 and not featured in an article in this newsletter:

- Anonymous Donor, Building Campaign - Pool Complex
- Evelyn Liebert and Deborah Liebert Karl, Amphitheater Renovation
- E. Thomas Boles, Jr. Fund of The Columbus Foundation, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Delaware County Commissioners, Prairie Trail Accessibility
- Huntington Bank, Autism Weekend Camp
- The Worthington Companies Foundation, Outdoor STEM/STEAM Program Equipment
- The Columbus Foundation, Green Funds, Accessible Stream Trail Program Improvements Phase III
- The Harry C. Moores Foundation, Camper Scholarships
- The Christ Foundation, Camper Scholarships
- The People Fund of Consolidated Electric Cooperative, New Fishing Shed
- Alfred Willson Charitable Fund, Camper Scholarships
- Ginni Ragan, Program Support
- The Worthington Companies Foundation, John H. McConnel Camper Scholarship Fund
- Delaware County Foundation Women Giving Together Delaware County, 5 iPads with Cases, 2 Sets of Adult and Youth EpiPens, and 3 Training AED's
- Church of the Messiah – Shark Tank Grant – Camper Scholarships (Westerville Individuals)
- B&C Fund, Camper Scholarship Fund
- Waters Family Fund of the Delaware County Foundation, Camper Scholarships
- Evie and Harry Long Fund of The Columbus Foundation, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- Jimmy Crum Fund of The Columbus Foundation, Camps and Camper Scholarship Fund
- The Tony R. Wells Foundation, Fitness Equipment
- Sunbury Lions Club, Camper Scholarship Fund
- Dave Schofield Family Charitable Account, Camps and Camper Scholarship

CAMPUS NEWS

Meijer Store Directors Give Back



Meijer Store Directors

Eleven Meijer Store Directors including the Ohio Region Market Director from the West Cleveland team, spent an afternoon on June 3rd volunteering at the Recreation Unlimited campus as part of their "Stronger Together" program. They spent the afternoon painting, trimming, weed eating and blowing trails on the beautiful 195-acre accessible campus. Thank you, Meijer Store Directors for your volunteer support and donation.

Columbus Blue Jackets at Recreation Unlimited

It was a very exciting morning on Thursday, July 10th when the Columbus Blue Jackets Community Development Team visited the Recreation Unlimited campus for a grass root hockey session. Over 60 youth with disabilities and health concerns from both the Recreation Unlimited Summer Residential and Summer Day Camp programs had an opportunity to learn about hockey and try out their skills on the Columbus Blue Jackets Sports Court at the campus of Recreation Unlimited. Recreation Unlimited wishes to thank Joe Renza, his onsite team, and Stinger for giving a fun experience for youth with disabilities and health concerns and helping to make their camp experience fantastic!



Campers learning hockey skills.

Board, Family and Friends Cookout and Fireworks

Recreation Unlimited campers enjoyed another outstanding fireworks show on July 17th at the campus of Recreation Unlimited. The support of Frank Darst and Hamburg Fireworks, and all of the individuals and safety providers who make this firework show possible is greatly appreciated. In addition to the campers and Recreation Unlimited service team, almost 140 guests consisting of Board members, families, friends and donors to Recreation Unlimited were invited to a cookout and to enjoy the fantastic fireworks show.



What a show!

Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights



Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights Recreation Unlimited Display

The 26th Annual Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights Drive Thru Light Show has been scheduled for November 21, 2025, to January 4, 2026. Please visit their website at www.butchbandosfantasyoflights.com for more information on the region's best drive thru light show. You can download a \$5.00 discount coupon from our website at www.recreationunlimited.org.