

## DRALLA FOUNDATION AWARDS FOURTEEN GRANTS TO NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN JULY

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Rockaway, NJ – This June, Dralla Foundation Review Board Members met to deliberate on the applications submitted for grant funding this year. Beth Deloria, Review Board Advisor and Board Members; Marc Martinez, Josh Ahlstrom and James Button put in many hours of time prior to the meeting as well as during the meeting itself. Grant Program Administrator, Jennifer Buehler says, “The amount of applications received nearly doubled from the previous year. The board members are all volunteers with busy full time jobs. The fact that they set aside time each year to review applications and fund meaningful contributions to wonderful organizations is evidence of their dedication to our mission.”

The events and programs they will be sponsoring all include the opportunity for individuals with physical challenges to have fun as noted in the Dralla Foundation mission. The activities span from a hike in Mount Washington, to use of the only hot air balloon in North America that can accommodate wheelchair users. There is a program for kayak fishing with families of wounded soldiers, both fishing and sailing programs for adults and children who would otherwise not have those opportunities due to their physical challenges, multiple camps and adaptive athletic programs that are included in the awards for this year.

The following organizations have been awarded funding this year: Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country, Common Ground Outdoor Adventures, Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program, River of Dreams, Heroes on the Water, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Sail to Prevail, Camp Dream Street Mississippi, Camp Jabberwocky, Kinetic Kids, STRIDE Adaptive Sports, SPLORE, Telluride Adaptive Sports Program, Stephen J Wampler Foundation.

Dralla Foundation was founded by Peter Allard, President of Allard USA, manufacturer of a range of orthopedic devices designed to improve physical function and enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical challenges. The testimonials of the wearers of these devices inspired Peter to give back to individuals with mobility issues and start Dralla Foundation. Dralla will award grants each year to select non profits who are best aligned with our mission.

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